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JANUARY

JANUARY 1st

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH

Poet and author, born at Liverpool, England, January 1, 1819; died November 13, 1861.

*It fortifies my soul to know
That, though I perish, Truth is so;
That howsoe'er I stray and range,
Whate'er I do, Thou dost not change.
I steadier step when I recall
That, if I slip, Thou dost not fall.*

MARIA EDGEWORTH

Novelist, born at Black Bourton, England, January 1, 1767; died May 22, 1849.

There is no moment like the present; not only so, but, moreover, there is no moment at all,—that is, no instant force and energy, but in the present. The man who will not execute his resolutions when they are fresh upon him can have no hope from them afterwards.

PAUL HAMILTON HAYNE

Poet and journalist, born at Charleston, S. C., January 1, 1830; died at Augusta, Ga., July 6, 1886.

*Happy the heart that keeps its twilight hour,
And, in the depths of heavenly peace reclined,
Loves to commune with thoughts of tender power,
Thoughts that ascend, like angels beautiful,
A shining Jacob's-ladder of the mind!*

JAMES R. RANDALL

Poet and songwriter, born at Baltimore, Md., January 1, 1839; died at Augusta, Ga., January 14, 1908.

*Better the fire upon thee roll,
Better the shot, the blade, the bowl,
Than crucifixion of the soul,
Maryland, my Maryland.*

JANUARY 2nd

GEORGE H. CALVERT

Journalist and poet, born at Baltimore, Md., January 2, 1803; died at Newport, R. I., May 24, 1889.

In all intercourse no armor is so becoming and so protective as a gentlemanly demeanor; and when we think how intimate, diversified, unavoidable, indispensable, how daily and hourly are our relations with our fellow-men, we cannot but become aware how much it concerns us, for our pleasure and our profit, and for a deeper satisfaction, to be affable and gentlemanly, and arm ourselves with a bearing that shall be the expression of self-respect, purified by respect for others.

PHILIP FRENEAU

Poet, born in New York City, January 2, 1752; died near Freehold, N. J., December 18, 1832.

*God save the rights of man!
Give us a heart to scan
Blessings so dear;
Let them be spread around
Wherever man is found,
And with a welcome sound
Ravish each ear.*

JOHN BOYLE

Essayist and author, born in England, January 2, 1707; died November 16, 1762.

*Let not one look of fortune cast you down;
She were not fortune, if she did not frown;
Such as do braveliest bear her scorns awhile
Are those on whom, at last, she most will smile.*

JANUARY 3rd

CICERO

Roman orator and philosopher, born at Arpinum, January 3, 106 B. C.; died December 6, 43 B. C.

Justice commands us to have mercy on all men, to consult for the interest of mankind, to give everyone his due, not to commit sacrilege, and not to covet the goods of others.

METASTASIO

Italian author, born in Rome, January 3, 1698; died April 12, 1782.

Every noble acquisition is attended with its risks. He who fears to encounter the one must not expect to attain the other.

DOUGLAS WILLIAM JERROLD

Dramatist and humorist, born in London, England, January 3, 1803; died June 8, 1857.

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.



JANUARY 4th

CHARLES SWAIN

"The Manchester Poet," born at Manchester, England, January 4, 1801; died September 22, 1874.

*The sweetest bird builds near the ground,
The loveliest flower springs low;
And we must stoop for happiness
If we its worth would know.*

JACOB GRIMM

Author and writer of fairy tales, born at Hanan, Germany, January 4, 1785; died September 20, 1863.

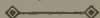
Avarice and fidelity cannot dwell together in the same house.

JANUARY 5th

STEPHEN DECATUR

American naval officer, born at Sinnepuxent, Md., January 5, 1779; died at Frankford, Pa., March 22, 1820.

Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong!



JANUARY 6th

CHARLES SUMNER

American statesman, born in Boston, Mass., January 6, 1811; died in Washington, D. C., March 11, 1874.

The true grandeur of humanity is in moral elevation, sustained, enlightened and decorated by the intellect of man.



JANUARY 7th

LOUISE DE LA RAMEE

(Ouida)

Author, born at Bury St. Edmunds, England, January 7, 1839; died January 25, 1908.

Friendship is usually treated by mankind as a tough and everlasting thing which will survive all manner of bad treatment. But this is an exceedingly great and foolish error; it may die in an hour of a single unkind word; its conditions of existence are such that it should be dealt with delicately and tenderly, being as it is a sensitive plant and not a roadside thistle. We must not expect our friend to be above humanity.

T. DE WITT TALMADGE

American divine, born at Bound Brook, N. J., January 7, 1852; died in Washington, D. C., April 12, 1902.

Think of nothing as insignificant. A little thing may decide your all. Small ropes hold mighty destinies.

JANUARY 8th

WILLIAM WILKIE COLLINS

Novelist, born in London, England, January 8, 1824; died September 23, 1889.

We neither know nor judge ourselves; others may judge, but cannot know us. God alone judges and knows us.



JANUARY 9th

THOMAS BROWN

Physician and philosopher, born at Kilmabreck, Scotland, January 9, 1778; died April 2, 1820.

Put no new names or notions upon authentic virtues and vices. Think not that morality is ambulatory; that vices in one age are not vices in another; or that virtues which are under the everlasting seal of right reason may be stamped by opinion.

EDWARD HOWARD GRIGGS

Author and lecturer, born at Owatonna, Minn., January 9, 1868; resides at Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

Just to be good, to keep life pure from degrading elements, to make it constantly helpful in little ways to those who are touched by it, to keep one's spirit always sweet and avoid all manner of petty anger and irritability,—that is an idea as noble as it is difficult.

JANUARY 10th

ETHAN ALLEN

American Revolutionary hero, born at Litchfield, Conn., January 10, 1737; died near Burlington, Vt., February 12, 1789.

The cause I was engaged in I ever viewed worthy hazarding my life for, nor was I, in the most critical moments of trouble, sorry that I engaged in it; and as to the world of spirits, though I knew nothing of the mode and manner of it, I expected nevertheless, when I should arrive at such a world, that I should be as well treated as other gentlemen of my merit.

THEODORE L. CUYLER

Clergyman and author, born at Aurora, N. Y., January 10, 1822; died at Brooklyn, N. Y., February 26, 1909.

God sometimes washes the eyes of his children with tears in order that they may read aright his providence and his commandments.

RICHARD SAVAGE

English poet, born in London, January 10, 1698; died July 31, 1743.

*When anger rushes, unrestrained, to action,
Like a hot steed, it stumbles in its way.*

JANUARY 11th

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

American statesman, born in Nevis, West Indies, January 11, 1757; died in New York City, July 12, 1804.

Men give me credit for genius; but all the genius I have lies in this: when I have a subject on hand I study it profoundly. The effect I make, they call the fruit of genius; it is, however, the fruit of labor and thought.

BAYARD TAYLOR

Author and traveler, born at Kennett Square, Pa., January 11, 1825; died in Berlin, Germany, December 19, 1878.

*Learn to live, and live to learn,
Little tasks make large return.*

JANUARY 12th

JOHN HANCOCK

Patriot and orator, the first to sign the Declaration of Independence, born at Quincy, Mass., January 12, 1737; died there, October 8, 1793.

Patriotism is ever united with humanity and compassion. This noble affection which impels us to sacrifice everything dear, even life itself, to our country, involves in it a common sympathy and tenderness for every citizen.

EDMUND BURKE

Orator and statesman, born in Dublin, Ireland, January 12, 1730; died July 7, 1797.

The nerve that never relaxes, the eye that never blenches, the thought that never wanders,—these are the masters of victory.

JOHN WINTHROP

First colonial governor of Massachusetts, born near Groton, England, January 12, 1587; died in Boston, Mass., March 26, 1649.

When you see infirmities in others, you should reflect upon your own, and that would make you bear the more with others.

JOHANN H. PESTALOZZI

Educator and author, born at Zurich, Switzerland, January 12, 1746; died February 17, 1827.

Our home joys are the most delightful earth affords, and the joy of parents in their children is the most holy joy of humanity.

JANUARY 13th

SALMON P. CHASE

Jurist, born at Cornish, N. Y., January 13, 1808; died in New York City, May 7, 1873.

There is a law of sublimer origin and more awful sanction than any human code, written, in ineffaceable characters, upon every heart of man, which binds all to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

SAMUEL WOODWORTH

Poet and editor, born at Scituate, Mass., January 13, 1785; died in New York City, December 9, 1842.

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,

*When fond recollection presents them to view!
The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wild-wood,*

*And every loved spot which my infancy knew!
The wide-spreading pond, and the mill that stood by it,*

The bridge, and the rock where the cataract fell,

The cot of my father, the dairy-house nigh it,

And e'en the rude bucket that hung in the well,

The old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket,

The moss-covered bucket which hung in the well.

JANUARY 14th

BORDEN PARKER BOWNE

Philosopher and educator, born at Leonardville, N. J., January 14, 1847; died at Boston, Mass., 1910.

The law of love applies to power as well as to weakness; the strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak and not to please themselves; the greatest of all must be the servant of all, and the chief of burden bearers.



JANUARY 15th

MOLIERE

Dramatist, born in Paris, France, January 15, 1622; died February 17, 1673.

The beauty of the face is a frail possession, a short-lived flower, only attached to the mere epidermis; but that of the mind is innate and unchangeable. I have, therefore, been long seeking a way to give you that kind of beauty which years cannot destroy, to inoculate your mind with the love of learning, and to insinuate into you a desire for knowledge.

HORATIO W. DRESSER

Author, born at Yarmouth, Me., January 15, 1866; resides at Brookline, Mass.

What I am thinking and doing day by day is resistlessly shaping my future—a future in which there is no expiation except through my own better conduct. No one can save me. No one can live my life for me. If I am wise I shall begin today to build my own truer and better world from within.

JANUARY 16th

HESTER THRALE PIOZZI

Poet, born at Bodville, England, January 16, 1741; died May 2, 1821.

*The tree of deepest root is found
Least willing still to quit the ground,
'Twas therefore said by ancient sages
That love of life increased with years,
So much that in our later stages,
When pains grow sharp and sickness rages,
The greatest love of life appears.*



JANUARY 17th

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Philosopher, statesman and author, born in Boston, Mass., January 17, 1706; died in Philadelphia, Pa., April 19, 1790.

REMEMBER this: they
that will not be counseled
cannot be helped. If you do
not hear Reason, she will rap
your knuckles.

VITTORIO ALFIERI

Poet and dramatist, born at Asti, Italy, January 17, 1749; died October 8, 1803.

*Ofttimes the test of courage becomes rather to
live than to die.*

JANUARY 18th

DANIEL WEBSTER

Statesman, born at Franklin, N. H., January 18, 1782; died at Marshfield, Mass., October 24, 1852.

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow-men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity.

MONTESQUIEU

Philosopher and historian, born near Bordeaux, France, January 18, 1689; died February 10, 1755.

I never listen to calumnies, because, if they are untrue, I run the risk of being deceived, and if they be true, of hating persons not worth thinking about.

EDOUARD LABOULAYE

Jurist and author, born in Paris, France, January 18, 1911; died May 25, 1883.

Truth is like a pearl: he alone possesses it who has plunged into the depths of life and torn his hands on the rocks of Time.

JANUARY 19th

ROBERT E. LEE

General, born at Stratford, Va., January 19, 1807; died at Lexington, Va., October 12, 1870.

When in the conflict of life the cloud and the darkness come, stand unflinchingly by your post; remain faithful to the discharge of your duty.

EDGAR ALLAN POE

Poet and author, born in Boston, Mass., January 19, 1809; died at Baltimore, Md., October 7, 1849.

*In the heavens above
The angels, whispering to one another,
Can find, amid their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of "mother."*

BERNARDIN ST. PIERRE

French writer, born at Havre, January 19, 1737; died January 14, 1814.

Nothing happens in this world without the permission of God; raise your thoughts toward the Infinite, to enable you to support the evils of a moment.

JANUARY 20th

RICHARD HENRY LEE

Statesman and orator, born in Westmoreland County, Va., January 20, 1732; died at Chantilly, Va., June 19, 1794.

Reverence religion, diffuse knowledge throughout your land, patronize the arts and sciences; let Liberty and Order be inseparable companions.

NATHANIEL PARKER WILLIS

Poet and author, born at Portland, Me., January 20, 1806; died near Newburgh, N. Y., July 20, 1867.

*Oh! man may bear with suffering! his heart
Is a strong thing, and godlike in the grasp
Of pain that wrings mortality; but tear
One chord affection clings to, part one tie
That binds him unto woman's delicate love,
And his great spirit yieldeth like a reed.*



JANUARY 21st

STONEWALL JACKSON

General, born at Clarksburg, W. Va., January 21, 1824; mortally wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville, and died May 10, 1863.

Sacrifice your life rather than your word.

EMERICH MADACH

Orator and journalist, born in Also Sztregova, Hungary, January 21, 1823; died October 5, 1864.

*Do ye not see the holy sign aloft
That makes us brothers in humanity
And companions to one goal?*

JANUARY 22nd

FRANCIS BACON

Philosopher and statesman, born in London, January 22, 1561; died April 9, 1626.

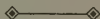
*The world's a bubble, and the life of man
Less than a span:*

*Who then to frail mortality shall trust,
But limns on water, or but writes in dust.*

LORD BYRON

Poet, born in London, January 22, 1788; died April 19, 1824.

*There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep Sea, and music in its roar;
I love not Man the less, but Nature more,
From these our interviews, in which I steal
From all I may be, or have been before,
To mingle with the Universe, and feel
What I can ne'er express, yet cannot all conceal.*



JANUARY 23rd

RICHARD ALSOP

Poet and scholar, born at Middletown, Conn., January 23, 1761; died at Flatbush, L. I., August 20, 1815.

*'Tis true, indeed, a leather string will break
If stretch'd too far; but much do I mistake
If ever mortal broke a string of leather
By tying first a dozen strings together.*

JANUARY 24th

CHARLES JAMES FOX

Statesman, born in London, January 24, 1749; died September 13, 1806.

True humanity consists not in a squeamish ear; it consists not in starting or shrinking at tales of misery, but in a disposition of heart to relieve it. True humanity appertains rather to the mind than to the nerves, and prompts men to use real and active endeavors to execute the actions which it suggests.

ROBERT GRANT

Lawyer and author, born in Boston, Mass., January 24, 1852; resides in Boston.

*When gathering clouds around I view,
And days are dark and friends are few,
On Him I lean, who not in vain
Experienced every human pain:
He sees my wants, allays my fears,
And counts and treasures up my tears.*

BEAUMARCHAIS

Dramatist, born in Paris, January 24, 1732; died May 19, 1799.

Be commonplace and creeping, and you attain all things.

JANUARY 25th

ROBERT BURNS

Lyric poet, born near Ayr, Scotland, January 25, 1759; died July 21, 1796.

*Then let us pray that come it may—
As come it will for a' that—
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
May bear the gree, and a' that.
For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that!*

FRIEDRICH H. JACOBI

Philosopher and metaphysician, born at Dusseldorf, Germany, January 25, 1743; died March 10, 1819.

A man of his word, and a man of honor are synonymous terms. He who can embrace a purpose and persist in it, who can act from a resolve, unsupported by present inclination, nay, even in opposition to present inclination, emotion or passion, of him we say, "he has character," "he is a man."

JANUARY 26th

THOMAS N. TALFOURD

Jurist and dramatic poet, born at Doxey, England, January 26, 1795; died March 13, 1854.

*It is a little thing to speak a phrase
Of common comfort which by daily use
Has almost lost its sense, yet on the ear
Of him who thought to die unmourned 'twill fall
Like choicest music, fill the glazing eye
With gentle tears, relax the knotted hand
To know the bonds of fellowship again.*

JOSEPH COOK

Lecturer, born at Ticonderoga, N. Y., January 26, 1838; died there, June 24, 1901.

Harmonization with our environment is the indispensable condition of peace of soul; our environment in this world and the next consists unalterably of God, conscience, and our own record.

BENJAMIN R. HAYDON

Historical painter and writer, born at Plymouth, England, January 26, 1786; died June 22, 1846.

When a man is no longer anxious to do better than well, he is done for.

JANUARY 27th

CHARLES L. DODGSON
(Lewis Carroll)

Author and mathematician, famous as the writer of "Alice in Wonderland," born at Daresbury, England, January 27, 1832; died January 14, 1898.

Once realize what the true object is in life—that it is not pleasure, not knowledge, not even fame, but that it is the development of character, the rising to a higher, nobler, purer standard,—and then, so long as this is going on, death has for us no terror; it is not a shadow, but a light; not an end, but a beginning!

RICHARD BENTLEY

Classical scholar and critic, born near Wakefield, England, January 27, 1662; died July 14, 1742.

No man was ever written out of reputation but by himself.

SAMUEL GOMPERS

Labor leader, born in England, January 27, 1850; resides in New York City.

We can advance and develop democracy but little faster than we can advance and develop the average level of intelligence and knowledge within the democracy. That is the problem that confronts modern educators. That is the problem that confronts democracy itself.

JANUARY 28th

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE

Editor and statesman, born near Dunkeld, Scotland, January 28, 1822; died at Toronto, Canada, April 17, 1892.

There is no more power in knowledge than there is in the stones or stars, unless there be a spirit and life in the knowledge which give it energy. In proportion as men have this spiritual power they become strong in the world.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL

Statesman and publicist, born at Brookline, Mass., January 28, 1818; died at Groton, Mass., February 27, 1905.

The test of greatness is success.



JANUARY 29th

WILLIAM McKINLEY

Twenty-fourth president of the United States, born at Niles, O., January 29, 1843; assassinated, September 6 and died September 14, 1901, at Buffalo, N. Y.

No man gets on so well in this world as he whose daily walk and conversation are clean and consistent, whose heart is pure and whose life is honorable.

THOMAS PAINE

Statesman and author, born at Norfolk, England, January 29, 1737; died in New York City, June 8, 1809.

My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.

JANUARY 30th

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR

Poet and prose writer born at Warwick, England, January 30, 1775; died September 17, 1864.

*Why, why repine, my pensive friend,
At pleasures slipped away?
Some the stern Fates will never lend,
And all refuse to stay.
I see the rainbow in the sky,
The dew upon the grass;
I see them, and I ask not why
They glimmer or they pass.
With folded arms I linger not
To call them back; 'twere vain:
In this, or in some other spot,
I know they'll shine again.*

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS

Divine and writer, born in Dublin, Ireland, January 30, 1792; died at Rock Point, Vt., January 9, 1868.

*Prayer is a golden key, which should open the
morning and lock up the evening.*

JANUARY 31st

FRANZ SCHUBERT

Musical composer, born in Vienna, Austria, January 31, 1797; died November 19, 1828.

Grief sharpens the understanding, and strengthens the soul, whereas joy seldom troubles itself about the former, and sometimes makes the latter either effeminate or frivolous.

GOUVERNEUR MORRIS

Statesman, born at Morrisania, N. Y., January 31, 1752; died there, November 6, 1816.

Do not suffer the rage of passion to drive reason from her seat.

BERNARD BARTON

English poet, born at Carlisle, January 31, 1784; died February 10, 1849.

*Pleasure is marked by fleetness,
To those who ever roam;
While grief itself has sweetness
At home,—sweet home.*

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1st

RICHARD WHATELY

Prelate and theologian, born in London, England, February 1, 1787; died October 1, 1863.

It is one thing to wish to have truth on our side, and another to wish sincerely to be on the side of truth.

EDWARD COKE

Jurist, born at Mileham, England, February 1, 1552; died September 3, 1634.

Reason is the life of law; the common law itself is nothing else but reason.



FEBRUARY 2nd

HANNAH MORE

Religious writer, born at Stapleton, England, February 2, 1745; died September 7, 1833.

*Since trifles make the sum of human things,
And half our misery from our foibles springs;
Since life's best joys consist in peace and ease,
And though but few can serve, yet all may please;
O let the ungentle spirit learn from hence
A small unkindness is a great offence.*

FEBRUARY 3rd

HORACE GREELEY

Journalist, born at Amherst, N. H., February 3, 1811; died in New York City, November 29, 1872.

Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings; those who cheer today will curse to-morrow; only one thing endures—character!

SIDNEY LANIER

Poet, born at Macon, Ga., February 3, 1842; died at Lynn, N. C., September 7, 1881.

*Long as thine Art shall love true love,
Long as thy Science truth shall know,
Long as thine Eagle harms no Dove,
Long as thy Law by law shall grow,
Long as thy God is God above,
Thy brother every man below,—
So long, dear Land of all my love,
Thy name shall shine, thy fame shall glow!*

FREDERICK W. ROBERTSON

Clergyman, born in London, February 3, 1816; died August 15, 1853.

We have one thing, and only one, to do here on earth—to win the character of heaven before we die.

FEBRUARY 4th

MARK HOPKINS

Educator, born at Stockbridge, Mass., February 4, 1802; died at Williamstown, Mass., June 17, 1887.

Man can have strength of character only as he is capable of controlling his faculties; of choosing a rational end; and, in its pursuit, of holding fast to his integrity against all the might of external nature.

JOSIAH QUINCY, JR.

Orator and statesman, born in Boston, Mass., February 4, 1772; died at Quincy, Mass., July 1, 1864.

Tyrants are rebels against the first laws of Heaven and society; to oppose their ravages is an instinct of nature—the inspiration of God in the heart of man.

JOHN MITCHELL

Labor leader, born at Braidwood, Ill., February 4, 1870; died September 9, 1919.

There is no necessary hostility between capital and labor. Neither can do without the other; each has evolved from the other. Capital is labor saved and materialized; the power to labor is, in itself, a form of capital. There is not even a necessary, fundamental antagonism between the laborer and the capitalist. Both are men with the virtues and vices of men, and each wishes, at times, more than his fair share. Yet, broadly considered, the interest of one is the interest of the other.

FEBRUARY 5th

DWIGHT L. MOODY

Evangelist, born at East Northfield, Mass., February 5, 1837; died there, December 22, 1899.

The best of men and the most earnest workers will make enough mistakes to make them humble. Thank God for mistakes and take courage. Don't give up on account of mistakes.

JAMES OTIS

Orator and patriot, born at West Barnstable, Mass., February 5, 1725; died at Andover, Mass., May 23, 1783.

The only principles of public conduct that are worthy of a gentleman or a man are to sacrifice estate, ease, health, and applause, and even life, to the sacred calls of his country. These manly sentiments, in private life, make the good citizen; in public life, the patriot and the hero.



FEBRUARY 6th

WILLIAM M. EVARTS

Lawyer and orator, born in Boston, Mass., February 6, 1818; died in New York City, February 28, 1901.

Bear with such differences of opinion as grow out of differences of situation. Make the most of brotherhood and the least of dissention.

FEBRUARY 7th

CHARLES DICKENS

Novelist, born at Landport, England, February 7, 1812; died June 9, 1870.

THERE is nothing so strong or safe, in any emergency of life, as the simple truth.

FEBRUARY 8th

JOHN RUSKIN

Author and art critic, born in London, February 8, 1819; died January 20, 1900.

Today

*Unsullied comes to thee, new born;
Tomorrow is not thine;
The sun may cease to shine
For thee ere earth shall greet its morn.
Be earnest, then, in thought and deed,
Nor fear approaching night;
Calm comes with evening light,
And hope and peace. Thy duty heed—
Today.*

WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN

General, born at Lancaster, O., February 8, 1820; died in New York City, February 14, 1891.

Freedom of thought and speech,—a freedom that concedes to others the same rights and privileges one claims for himself,—this is the principle which has become the standard for America.

ROBERT BURTON

Author, born at Lindley, England, February 8, 1577; died January 25, 1640.

Hope and patience are two sovereign remedies for all, the surest reposals, the softest cushions to lean on in adversity.

RICHARD WATSON GILDER

Poet and author, born at Bordentown, N. J., February 8, 1844; died in New York City, November 18, 1909.

*Each moment holy is, for out from God
Each moment flashes forth a human soul.
Holy each moment is, for back to Him
Some wandering soul each moment home returns.*

FEBRUARY 9th

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

General, ninth president of the United States, born at Berkeley, Va., February 9, 1773; died in Washington, D. C., April 4, 1841.

To be esteemed eminently great, it is necessary to be eminently good. The qualities of the hero and the general must be devoted to the advantage of mankind before he will be permitted to assume the title of their benefactor.



FEBRUARY 10th

CHARLES LAMB

Essayist and humorist, born in London, England, February 10, 1775; died December 27, 1854.

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

AARON HILL

Poet and dramatist, born in London, England, February 10, 1685; died February 8, 1750.

*Tender-handed stroke a nettle
And it stings you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of mettle
And it soft as silk remains.*

EDWARD ATKINSON

Political economist and statistician, born at Brookline, Mass., February 10, 1827; died at Boston, Mass., December 11, 1905.

The more capable a man is of serving others, the more it profits himself and benefits the world.

FEBRUARY 11th

THOMAS A. EDISON

Inventor, born at Milan, O., February 11, 1847; resides at West Orange, N. J.

So many men never amount to anything because they don't think. The brain that isn't used, rusts. The brain that is used, responds.

LYDIA M. CHILD

Author, born at Medford, Mass., February 11, 1802; died at Wayland, Mass., October 20, 1880.

You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? You will find half the battle is gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.

WASHINGTON GLADDEN

Clergyman and author, born at Pottsgrove, Pa., February 11, 1836; died at Columbus, O., July 2, 1918.

No man is good for anything who has not learned the easy, prompt, cheerful submission of his will to rightful authority.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS

Statesman and orator, born at Crawfordsville, Ga., February 11, 1812; died at Atlanta, Ga., March 4, 1883.

Prejudice! Of all the obstacles to the advancement of truth and human progress, in every department of knowledge, in science, in art, in government, and in religion, in all ages and climes, not one on the list is more formidable, more difficult to overcome and subdue, than this horrible distortion of the moral as well as intellectual faculties.

FEBRUARY 12th

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Statesman, sixteenth president of the United States, born in Hardin County, Kentucky, February 12, 1809; died, the victim of an assassin, in Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.

LET us have faith that right
L makes might, and in that
faith let us do our duty as we
understand it.

CHARLES R. DARWIN

Naturalist, founder of the theory of evolution, born at Shrewsbury, England, February 12, 1809; died April 19, 1882.

Whenever I have found out that I have blundered, or that my work has been imperfect, and when I have been contemptuously criticized, and even when I have been over-praised, so that I have felt mortified, it has been my greatest comfort to say hundreds of times to myself that "I have worked as hard and as well as I could, and no man can do more than this."

COTTON MATHER

Clergyman, born in Boston, Mass., February 12, 1663; died there February 13, 1728.

*Afflictions for the present here,
The vexed flesh will grievous call,
But afterwards there will appear
Not grief, but peace, the end of all.*

FEBRUARY 13th

CHARLES MAURICE de TALLYRAND
Statesman, born in Paris, France, February 13,
1754; died May 17, 1838.

Nothing succeeds so well as success.

DAVID DUDLEY FIELD

Lawyer, born at Haddam, Conn., February 13,
1805; died in New York City, April 13, 1894.

*Above all other things is justice; success is a
good thing; wealth is good also; honor is better;
but justice excels them all.*

JULIA C. R. DORR

Poet and novelist, born at Charleston, S. C., Feb-
ruary 13, 1825; died at Rutland, Vt., January 18,
1913.

*O golden Silence, bid our souls be still,
And on the foolish fretting of our care
Lay thy soft touch of healing unaware!*



FEBRUARY 14th

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK

General, born in Montgomery County, Pa., Feb-
ruary 14, 1824; died at Governor's Island, N. Y.,
February 9, 1886.

*As one people we have common interests. Let
it always be our purpose to cultivate sentiments
of friendship and not of animosity among our
fellow citizens.*

FEBRUARY 15th

JEREMY BENTHAM

Jurist and philosopher, born in London, February 15, 1748; died June 6, 1832.

We may scatter the seeds of courtesy and kindness about us at little expense. Some of them will fall on good ground, and grow up into benevolence in the minds of others, and all of them will bear fruit of happiness in the bosom whence they spring. Once blest are all the virtues; twice blest, sometimes.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

Social reformer and suffragist, born at South Adams, Mass., February 15, 1820; died at Rochester, N. Y., March 13, 1906.

Modern invention has banished the spinning-wheel, and the same law of progress makes the woman of today a different woman from her grandmother.

JAMES A. FARRELL

Manufacturer, born at New Haven, Conn., February 15, 1863; resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Absorb what to you is essential—that is, everything pertaining to your field of endeavor. Don't clog your brain cells with impediments. Feed them only with vital material, with things that will enhance your usefulness in your sphere of activity.

S. WEIR MITCHELL

Physician and author, born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 15, 1829; died January 4, 1914.

He alone has lost the art to live who cannot win new friends.

FEBRUARY 16th

HENRY WATTERSON

Journalist, born in Washington, D. C., February 16, 1840; died at Jacksonville, Fla., December 22, 1921.

Many lessons of dear-bought experience admonish me that we are as a rule nearest to being in error when we are most positive and emphatic; that grievous injustice and injury are perpetrated by the misrepresentation and abuse which are so freely visited upon public men for no other cause, or offence, than a difference of opinion; and that intolerance, the devil's handmaiden, in our private relations, embraces the sum of all viciousness in affairs of Church and State.



FEBRUARY 17th

ROSE TERRY COOKE

Poet and author, born at West Hartford, Conn., February 17, 1827; died at Pittsfield, Mass., July 18, 1892.

*Daily, hourly, loving and giving
In the poorest life makes heavenly living.*



FEBRUARY 18th

GEORGE PEABODY

Merchant and philanthropist, born at Peabody, Mass., February 18, 1795; died in London, England, November 4, 1869.

To make our country's prosperity more than superficial, her moral and intellectual development should keep pace with her material growth.

FEBRUARY 19th

WILLIAM WETMORE STORY

Lawyer and poet, born at Salem, Mass., February 19, 1819; died October 7, 1895.

*Live not without a friend; the Alpine rock must
own*

Its mossy grace or else be nothing but a stone.

DAVID GARRICK

Actor and dramatist, born at Hereford, England, February 19, 1716; died January 20, 1779.

A fellow-feeling makes one wondrous kind.

RICHARD CUMBERLAND

Dramatist and essayist, born at Cambridge, England, February 19, 1732; died May 7, 1811.

*Extremes of fortune are true wisdom's test,
And he's of men most wise who bears them best.*



FEBRUARY 20th

JOSEPH JEFFERSON

Actor, born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 20, 1829; died at Palm Beach, Fla., April 23, 1905.

*Go out and do something for somebody. Go out
and give something to anybody, if it's only a pair
of woolen stockings to a poor old woman. It will
take you away from yourselves and make you
happy.*

WILLIAM ALLEN BUTLER

Poet and author, born at Albany, N. Y., February 20, 1825; died at Yonkers, N. Y., September 9, 1902.

*"I can" is a worker; he tills the broad fields,
And digs from the earth all the wealth that it
yields;*

*The hum of his spindles begins with the light,
And the fires of his forges are blazing all night.*

FEBRUARY 21st

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Prelate, born in London, February 21, 1801; died August 11, 1890.

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,

Lead thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead thou me on.

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene; one step enough for me.

BRANDER MATTHEWS

Critic and essayist, born in New Orleans, La., February 21, 1852; resides in New York City.

*Give a good deed the credit of a good motive;
and give an evil deed the benefit of the doubt.*

OTTO H. KAHN

Banker and railroad man, born at Mannheim, Germany, February 21, 1867; resides in New York City.

The eminently successful man should beware of that insidious tendency of wealth to chill and isolate. He should never forget that the social edifice in which he occupies so desirable quarters has been erected by human hands, the result of infinite effort, sacrifice, and compromise, the aim being the greatest good of society. What human hands have built up by the patient work of many centuries, human hands can pull down in one hour of passion.

FEBRUARY 22nd

GEORGE WASHINGTON

General and statesman, first president of the United States; born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, February 22, 1732; died at Mount Vernon, December 14, 1799.

ASSOCIATE yourself with
men of good quality if
you esteem your own reputa-
tion; for it is better to be
alone than in bad company.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

Poet, born at Cambridge, Mass., February 22, 1819; died there, August 12, 1891.

*Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night;
Greatly begin! Though thou hast time
But for a line, be that sublime!
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.*

ROBERT STEVENSON BADEN-POWELL

"Father of the Boy Scout Movement," born in London, England, February 22, 1857.

*On my honor I promise that I will do my best;
first, to do my duty to God and my country; sec-
ond, to help other people at all times; third, to
obey the Scout law.*

—The Scout's Oath.

FEBRUARY 23rd

JOSIAH QUINCY

Lawyer and patriot, born in Boston, Mass., February 23, 1744; died at sea, April 26, 1775.

To hope for the protection of Heaven, without doing our duty and exerting ourselves as becomes men, is to mock the Deity.

SAMUEL PEPYS

English diarist, born in London, February 23, 1633; died May 26, 1703.

He that will not stoop for a pin will never be worth a pound.

MARGARET DELAND

Poet and novelist, born at Allegheny, Pa., February 23, 1857; resides in Boston, Mass.

*By one great Heart, the Universe is stirred;
By Its strong pulse, stars climb the darkening
blue;*

*It throbs in each fresh sunset's changing hue,
And thrills through low sweet song of every bird.*

EMMA WILLARD

Educator and author, born at Berlin, Conn., February 23, 1787; died at Troy, N. Y., April 15, 1870.

*Rocked in the cradle of the deep
I lay me down in peace to sleep;
Secure I rest upon the wave,
For thou, O Lord! hast power to save.
I know thou wilt not slight my call,
For thou dost mark the sparrow's fall.*

FEBRUARY 24th

GEORGE W. CURTIS

Author, born at Providence, R. I., February 24, 1824; died on Staten Island, N. Y., August 31, 1892.

Life is the best thing we can possibly make of it. It is dull and dismal and heavy if a man loses his temper; it is glowing with promise and satisfaction if he is not ashamed of his emotions.



FEBRUARY 25th

CHARLES PINCKNEY

Statesman, born at Charleston, S. C., February 25, 1758; died there, August 16, 1824.

Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute!



FEBRUARY 26th

VICTOR HUGO

Author, born at Besancon, France, February 26, 1802; died May 22, 1885.

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

FEBRUARY 27th

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Poet, born at Portland, Me., February 27, 1807;
died at Cambridge, Mass., March 24, 1882.

*Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
"Life is but an empty dream!"
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.*

*Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
"Dust thou art, to dust returnest,"
Was not spoken of the soul.*

RICHARD GARNETT

Poet and editor, born at Lichfield, England, February 27, 1835; died April 13, 1906.

*Love is God's essence; Power but His attribute;
therefore is His love greater than His power.*

FEBRUARY 28th

MONTAIGNE

Author and moral philosopher, born at Perigord, France, February 28, 1533; died September 13, 1592.

The estimate and valor of a man consists in the heart and in the will; there his true honor lies. He that falls obstinately in his courage, if his legs fail him, fights upon his knees.

BERTHOLD AUERBACH

Author, born in Nordstetten, Germany, February 28, 1812; died February 8, 1882.

Work and love: that is the body and soul of the human being. Happy he where they are one.



FEBRUARY 29th

JOHN BYROM

Poet, born near Manchester, England, February 29, 1692; died September 26, 1763.

*Take time enough; all other graces
Will soon fill up their proper places.*

MARCH

MARCH 1st

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS

Novelist and poet, born at Martin's Ferry, O., March 1, 1837; died in New York City, May 11, 1920.

*This day might be
The day I somehow always thought to see,
And that should come to bless me past the scope
And measure of my farthest-reaching hope.
Today, maybe the things that were concealed
Before the first day was, shall be revealed;
Before the sun shall sink into the west
The tired earth may have fallen on his breast,
And into heaven the world have passed away.
At any rate, it is another day!*

GEORG MORITZ EBERS

Novelist and historian, born in Berlin, March 1, 1837; died August 7, 1898.

The roads which are open to the soul are numberless as those of the divinity.

MARCH 2nd

DE WITT CLINTON

Lawyer and statesman, born at Little Britain, N. Y., March 2, 1769; died at Albany, N. Y., February 11, 1828.

Pleasure is a shadow, wealth is a vanity, and power is a pageant; but knowledge is ecstatic in enjoyment, perennial in fame, unlimited in space, and infinite in duration. There is no place too remote for its grasp, no height too exalted for its reach.

CARL SCHURZ

Publicist and statesman, born at Liblar, Prussia, March 2, 1829; died in New York City, May 14, 1906.

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on desert waters, you can choose them for your guides, and following them you reach your destiny.

MARCH 3rd

EDMUND WALLER

Poet and parliamentarian, born at Coleshill, England, March 3, 1605; died October 21, 1687.

*The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed,
Lets in new light through chinks that time has
made;*

*Stronger by weakness, wiser men become,
As they draw near to their eternal home.*

WILLIAM GODWIN

Philosopher, born at Wisbeach, England, March 3, 1756; died April 7, 1836.

*He that loves reading, has everything within
his reach. He has but to desire, and he may pos-
sess himself of every species of wisdom to judge
and power to perform.*

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Inventor of the telephone, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, March 3, 1847; died at Boddeck, Nova Scotia, August 2, 1922.

*Great discoveries and improvements invariably
involve the co-operation of many minds. I may
be given credit for having blazed the trail but
when I look at the subsequent developments, I
feel the credit is due to others rather than to
myself.*

MARCH 4th

CHARLES DIBDIN

Poet and song writer, born near Southampton, England, March 4, 1745; died July 25, 1814.

*I heard our good chaplain palaver one day
About souls, heaven, mercy, and such;
And, my timbers, what lingo he'd coil and belay;
Why 'twas just all as one as High Dutch;
For he said how a sparrow can't founder, d'ye see,
Without orders that come down below;
And many fine things that proved clearly to me
That Providence takes us in tow;
For, says he, do you mind me, let storms e'er so
soft
Take the topsails of sailors aback,
There's a sweet little cherub that sits up aloft,
To keep watch for the life of poor Jack!*

MARCH 5th

THEODORE T. MUNGER

Clergyman and author, born at Bainbridge, N. Y., March 5, 1830; died at New Haven, Conn., January 11, 1910.

*Ill-luck is, in nine cases out of ten, the result
of saying pleasure first and duty second, instead
of duty first and pleasure second.*

MARCH 6th

MICHAEL ANGELO

Author and artist, born in Tuscany, Italy, March 6, 1474; died February 17, 1563.

*I saw no mortal beauty with these eyes
When perfect peace in thy fair eyes I found;
But far within, where all is holy ground,
My soul felt Love, her comrade of the skies;
For she was born with God in Paradise;
Else should we still to transient loves be bound;
But, finding these so false, we pass beyond
Unto the Love of Loves that never dies.*

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

Author and poet, born at Durham, England, March 6, 1809; died June 30, 1861.

*I think we are too ready with complaint
In this fair world of God's. Had we no hope
Indeed beyond the zenith and the slope
Of yon gray blank of sky, we might grow faint
To muse upon eternity's constraint
Round our aspirant souls.*

MARCH 7th

LUTHER BURBANK

Naturalist, born at Lancaster, Mass., March 7, 1849; resides in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Teach a child self-respect as you would train a plant into better growth.

CHAMP CLARK

Statesman, born in Anderson County, Ky., March 7, 1850; died March 3, 1921.

By discharging our duty thoroughly and well, subordinating personal desires to principle, and personal ambition to an exalted love of country, we will not only receive the endorsement of the people, but, what is far better, we will deserve their endorsement.

EDWARD PAYSON ROE

Minister and novelist, born at Newburgh, N. Y., March 7, 1838; died at Cornwall, N. Y., July 20, 1888.

What though all around are only dreary ruins? Love transforms that desert place into the paradise of God; and, if such is its power in the wastes of earthly desolation, what will be its might amid the perfect scenes of heaven?

MARCH 8th

EDWIN P. WHIPPLE

Author and essayist, born at Gloucester, Mass., March 8, 1819; died at Boston, Mass., June 16, 1886.

*What does competency in the long run mean?
It means to all reasonable beings, cleanliness of
person, decency of dress, courtesy of manners, op-
portunities for education, the delights of leisure,
and the bliss of giving.*

CHRISTOPHER P. CRANCH

Poet and painter, born at Alexandria, Va., March 8, 1813; died at Cambridge, Mass., January 20, 1892.

*No night so wild but brings the constant sun
With love and power untold;
No time so dark but through its woof there run
Some blessed threads of gold.*



MARCH 9th

MIRABEAU

French orator, born at Bignon, March 9, 1749; died April 2, 1791.

*Nothing is impossible to the man who can will,
and then do; this is the only law of success.*

MARCH 10th

JOHN PLAYFAIR

Mathematician and physicist, born at Benvie, Scotland, March 10, 1748; died July 20, 1819.

The Author of nature has not given laws to the universe which, like the institutions of men, carry in themselves the elements of their own destruction. He has not permitted in his works any symptom of infancy or old age, or any sign by which we may estimate either their future or their past duration. He may put an end, as he no doubt gave a beginning, to the present system at some determinate period of time; but we may rest assured that this great catastrophe will not be brought about by the laws not existing, and that it is not indicated by anything which we perceive.



MARCH 11th

TORQUATO TASSO

Poet, born at Sorrento, Italy, March 11, 1544; died April 25, 1595.

*For when last need to desperation driveth,
Who dareth most he wisest counsel giveth.*

FRANCIS WAYLAND

Clergyman, educator and author, born in New York City, March 11, 1796; died at Providence, R. I., September 30, 1865.

Human nature is not to be changed by the opposition of interest or the laugh of folly. There will always be enough of dignity in man to respect what is great and venerate what is benevolent.

MARCH 12th

GEORGE BERKELEY

Metaphysician and writer, born in Kilerin, Ireland, March 12, 1684; died January 14, 1753.

*In life's small things be resolute and great
To keep thy muscles trained, for knowest thou
When Fate thy measure takes or when she'll say:
"I find thee worthy; do this thing for me."*

THOMAS BUCHANAN READ

Poet and painter, born in Chester County, Pa., March 12, 1822; died in New York City, May 11, 1872.

*The maid who binds her warrior's sash
With smile that well her pain dissembles,
The while beneath her drooping lash
One starry tear-drop hangs and trembles,
Though Heaven alone records the tear,
And Fame shall never know her story,
Her heart has shed a drop as dear
As e'er bedewed the field of glory.*



MARCH 13th

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY

Clergyman and philosopher, celebrated as the discoverer of oxygen, born near Leeds, England, March 13, 1733; died at Northumberland, Pa., February 6, 1804.

Religion is the first rational object of education. Whatever be the fate of my children in this transitory world, about which I hope I am as solicitous as I ought to be, I would, if possible, secure a happy meeting with them in a future and everlasting life. I can well enough bear their reproaches for not enabling them to attain to worldly honors and distinctions; but to have been in any measure accessory by the neglect, to their final perdition, would be the occasion of such reproach and blame as would be absolutely insupportable.

MARCH 14th

THOMAS H. BENTON

Statesman, born at Hillsborough, N. C., March 14, 1782; died in Washington, D. C., April 10, 1858.

Under a free government the power of the intellect is the only power which rules the affairs of men; and virtue and intelligence the only durable passports to honor and preferment. The conviction of this great truth should convince every parent that the endowments of the mind and the virtues of the heart are the only imperishable, the only inestimable riches which he can leave to his posterity.



MARCH 15th

ANDREW JACKSON

Seventh president of the United States, born at Waxhaw, N. C., March 15, 1767; died near Nashville, Tenn., June 8, 1845.

Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.



MARCH 16th

JAMES MADISON

Fourth president of the United States, born in Orange County, Virginia, March 16, 1751; died at Montpelier, Va., June 28, 1836.

Knowledge will ever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

MARCH 17th

THOMAS CHALMERS

Clergyman, born at Fife, Scotland, March 17, 1790; died May 30, 1847.

Do good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; you will never be forgotten. No; your name, your deeds will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on the bow of the evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.

JEAN INGELow

Poet, born in Lincolnshire, England, March 17, 1820; died July 20, 1897.

*I am glad to think
I am not bound to make the wrong go right,
But only to discover and to do,
With cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.*

MARCH 18th

GROVER CLEVELAND

Twenty-third president of the United States, born at Caldwell, N. J., March 18, 1837; died at Princeton, N. J., June 24, 1908.

Honor lies in honest toil.

JOHN C. CALHOUN

Statesman, born at Abbeyville, S. C., March 18, 1782; died at Washington, D. C., March 31, 1850.

The very essence of a free government consists in considering offices as public trusts, bestowed for the good of the country, and not for the benefit of an individual or a party.

GEORGE W. BETHUNE

Clergyman and poet, born in New York City, March 18, 1805; died in Florence, Italy, April 27, 1862.

*Do naught but good; for such the noble strife
Of virtue is, 'gainst wrong to venture love,
And for thy foe devote a brother's life,
Content to wait the recompense above.*

MARCH 19th

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

Statesman, publisher and orator, born at Salem, Ill., March 19, 1860; resides at Lincoln, Neb.

The humblest in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error.



MARCH 20th

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Roman author and poet, born at Sulmo, Italy, March 20, 43 B. C.; died 18 A. D.

It is the mind that makes the man, and our vigor is in our immortal soul.

CHARLES W. ELIOT

Educator, born in Boston, Mass., March 20, 1834; resides in Cambridge, Mass.

Liberal education develops a sense of right, duty and honor; and more and more in the modern world, large business rests on rectitude and honor as well as on good judgment.

JAMES SCHOULER

Historian, born at Arlington, Mass., March 20, 1839; died April 16, 1920.

Reason is the triumph of the intellect, faith of the heart; and whether the one or the other shall best illumine the dark mystereis of our being, they only are to be despaired of who care not to explore.

MARCH 21st

JEAN PAUL RICHTER

Author, born at Wunsiedel, Germany, March 21, 1763; died November 24, 1825.

*May all go well with you! May life's short day
glide on peaceful and bright, with no more clouds
than may glisten in the sunshine, no more rain
than may form a rainbow; and may the veiled one
of heaven bring us to meet again.*

HENRY KIRKE WHITE

Poet, born at Nottingham, England, March 21, 1785; died October 19, 1806.

*This is the charm, by sages often told,
Converting all it touches into gold:
Content can soothe, where'er by fortune placed,
Can rear a garden in the desert waste.*



MARCH 22nd

FRANCIS WILLIAM BOURDILLON

Poet, born in Sussex, March 22, 1852; resides at Buddington.

*The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the setting sun.*

*The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one:
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.*

MARCH 23rd

SCHUYLER COLFAX

Statesman and orator, born in New York City, March 23, 1823; died at Mankata, Minn., January 13, 1885.

Whether traveling in the valley of humiliation and disaster, or keeping my eye fixed on the heavens, I believe God reigns. His ways are sometimes dark but "sooner or later they touch the shining hills of the day."



MARCH 24th

WILLIAM MORRIS

Poet and art worker, born at Walthamstow, England, March 24, 1834; died October 3, 1896.

*From out the throng and stress of lies,
From out the painful noise of sighs,
One voice of comfort seems to rise:
"It is the meaner part that dies."*



MARCH 25th

MRS. GEORGE LINNAEUS BANKS

Novelist and poet, born at Manchester, England, March 25, 1821; died May 5, 1897.

*I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.*

MARCH 26th

WILLIAM EDWARD LECKY

Philosopher and historian, born near Dublin, Ireland, March 26, 1838; died October 22, 1903.

Charity has indissolubly united, in the minds of men, the idea of supreme goodness with that of active and constant benevolence.

MARCH 27th

CHARLES MACKAY

Scottish poet, born at Perth, March 27, 1814; died December 24, 1889.

*The smallest effort is not lost;
Each wavelet on the ocean tossed
Aids in the ebb-tide or the flow;
Each raindrop makes some flow'ret blow;
Each struggle lessens human woe.*

MARCH 28th

JOHANN A. COMENIUS

Slavic educational reformer, born at Nivnitz, March 28, 1592; died in 1671.

Human life does not consist in abundance of wealth, since without God's blessings neither food nourishes, nor plaster heals, nor clothing warms; but his blessing is always with us for the sake of children in order that they may be sustained. He who has children within his house may be certain that he has therein the presence of angels; he who takes little children in his arms may be assured that he takes angels.

PIERRE LA PLACE

Educator, born at Beaumont-en-Auge, France, March 28, 1749; died March 5, 1827.

What we know is of small amount; what we do not know is enormous.

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MARCH 29th

AMELIA E. BARR

Novelist, born at Kleverston, England, March 29, 1831; died at Long Island, N. Y., March 10, 1918.

Perhaps when the light of heaven shows us clearly the pitfalls and dangers of the earth road that led to the heavenly city, our sweetest songs of gratitude will be not for the troubles we have conquered, but for those we have escaped.

DAVID EVERETT

Journalist and author, born at Princeton, Mass., March 29, 1770; died at Marietta, O., December 21, 1813.

*Large streams from little fountains flow;
Tall oaks from little acorns grow.*

MARCH 30th

MOSES MAIMONIDES

Scholar and philosopher, born at Cordova, Spain, March 30, 1135; died December 13, 1204.

Love truth and uprightness,—the ornaments of the soul,—and cleave to them; prosperity so obtained is built upon a sure rock. Keep firmly to your word; let not a legal contract or witness be more binding than your verbal promise even privately made.

HENRY WOTTON

Diplomatist and author, born at Kent, England, March 30, 1568; died in 1639.

*How happy is he born and taught
That serveth not another's will;
Whose armor is his honest thought
And simple truth his utmost skill!*

JOHN FISKE

Historian and philosopher, born at Hartford, Conn., March 30, 1842; died at Cambridge, Mass., July 5, 1901.

Let us never forget that without the steadfast culture of the highest manhood, the richest opportunities are no better than dust and chaff.

MARCH 31st

RENE DESCARTES

Philosopher and mathematician, born near Tours, France, March 31, 1596; died February 11, 1650.

Never accept anything for true which you do not clearly know to be such; that is to say, carefully avoid precipitancy and prejudice, and comprise nothing more in your judgment than what is presented to your mind so clearly and distinctly as to exclude all ground of doubt.

JOSEPH HAYDN

Musical composer, born at Rohrau, Austria, March 31, 1732; died May 31, 1809.

Whenever I think of God I can only conceive of Him as a Being infinitely great and infinitely good. This last quality of the divine nature inspires me with such confidence and joy that I could have written a miserere in tempo allegro.

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND

Mining engineer, born in San Francisco, Calif., March 31, 1855; resides at Gloucester, Mass.

Character is the real foundation of all worthwhile success.

APRIL

APRIL 1st

JAMES McCOSH

Philosopher and educator, born at Carskeoch, Scotland, April 1, 1811; died at Princeton, N. J., November 10, 1894.

In the end, thought rules the world. There are times when impulses and passions are more powerful, but they soon expend themselves; while mind, acting constantly, is ever ready to drive them back and work when their energy is exhausted.

BISMARCK

Statesman, born at Schonhausen, Prussia, April 1, 1815; died July 30, 1898.

There is one word which expresses the best rule of life: Work. Without work, life is empty, useless and unhappy. To the youth on the threshold of life I have not one word, but three words of advice to offer: Work, work, work!



APRIL 2nd

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON

Author, celebrated as the writer of fairy tales, born at Odense, Denmark, April 2, 1805; died August 6, 1875.

Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's fingers.

APRIL 3rd

WASHINGTON IRVING

Author and novelist, born in New York City, April 3, 1783; died at Sunnyside, N. Y., November 28, 1859.

Good temper, like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over everything; it is the sweetener of toil and the soother of disquietude.

JOHN BURROUGHS

Author and naturalist, born at Roxbury, N. Y., April 3, 1837; died near Buffalo, N. Y., March 29, 1921.

*The waters know their own, and draw
The brook that springs in yonder heights;
So flows the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delights.*

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

Clergyman and author, born in Boston, Mass., April 3, 1822; died at Roxbury, Mass., June 10, 1909.

*Look up and not down,
Look forward and not back,
Look out and not in,—and
Lend a hand.*

GEORGE HERBERT

Religious poet, born at Montgomeryshire, Wales, April 3, 1593; died in 1633.

*Be useful where thou livest, that they may
Both want and wish thy pleasing presence still;
Find out men's wants and will,
And meet them there. All worldly joys go less
To the one joy of doing kindness.*

APRIL 4th

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE

Theologian and author, born at Hanover, N. H., April 4, 1810; died at Jamaica Plain, Mass., June 8, 1888.

*Some scentless flowers stand straight and high,
With pride and haughtiness;
But violets perfume land and sky,
Although they promise less.
Let me with all humility
Do more than I profess.*

THADDEUS STEVENS

Statesman, born at Peacham, Vt., April 4, 1793; died at Washington, D. C., August 11, 1868.

*The errors of the small do but little harm;
those of the great are fatal.*

APRIL 5th

ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE

Author and poet, born in London, April 5, 1837;
died April 10, 1909.

*Though our works
Find righteous or unrighteous judgment, this
At least is ours, to make them righteous.*

LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON

Poet and author, born at Pomfret, Conn., April 5,
1835; died at Boston, Mass., August 10, 1908.

*Bend low, O dusky Night,
And give my spirit rest,
Hold me to your deep breast,
And put old cares to flight.
Give back the lost delight
That once my soul possest,
When love was loveliest.*

WILLIAM CONGREVE

Dramatist, born at Bardsley, England, April 5,
1670; died January 19, 1729.

*There is in true beauty, as in courage, some-
what which narrow souls cannot dare to admire.*

APRIL 6th

EDMUND HAMILTON SEARS

Author and hymn-writer, born at Sandisfield, Mass., April 6, 1810; died at Weston, Mass., January 14, 1876.

*O ye beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow!
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.*

JOHN PIERPONT

Clergyman and poet, born at Litchfield, Conn., April 6, 1785; died at Medford, Mass., August 27, 1866.

*God of our fathers,—in whose sight
The thousand years that swept away
Man, and the traces of his might,
Are but the break and close of day,—
Grant us that love of truth sublime,
That love of goodness and of thee,
Which makes thy children, in all time
To please thine own eternity.*

APRIL 7th

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Poet, born at Cockermouth, England, April 7, 1770; died April 23, 1850.

*If this great world of joy and pain
Revolve in one sure track;
If freedom, set, will rise again,
And, virtue flown, come back;
Woe to the purblind crew who fill
The heart with each day's care;
Nor gain, from past or future, skill
To bear, and to forbear!*

WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING

Minister and author, born at Newport, R. I., April 7, 1780; died at Bennington, Vt., October 2, 1842.

*Labor is the grand conqueror, enriching and
building up nations more surely than the proudest
battles.*

APRIL 8th

FREDERICK BROTHERTON MEYER

Clergyman and author, born in England, April 8, 1847; resides in London.

God has promised daily strength for daily need, but never that the strength promised for any given moment should suffice for troubles carried over from the past or borrowed from the future. The Divine Teacher said truly, "The morrow shall take thought for the things of itself; sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

APRIL 9th

FISHER AMES

Orator and statesman, born at Dedham, Mass., April 9, 1758; died there, July 4, 1808.

The most substantial glory of a country is in its virtuous great men. Its prosperity will depend upon its docility to learn from their example.

APRIL 10th

LEW WALLACE

General and author, born at Brookville, Ind., April 10, 1827; died at Crawfordsville, Ind., February 15, 1905.

A man's task is always light if his heart is light.

WILLIAM HAZLITT

Essayist, born at Maidstone, England, April 10, 1778; died September 18, 1830.

The measure of any man's virtue is what he would do if he had neither the laws nor public opinion, nor even his own prejudices, to control him.

APRIL 11th

EDWARD EVERETT

Statesman and author, born at Dorchester, Mass., April 11, 1794; died in Boston, Mass., January 18, 1865.

A great character, founded on the living rock of principle, is in fact, not a solitary phenomenon, to be at once perceived, limited and described. It is a dispensation of Providence, designed to have not merely an immediate, but a continuous, progressive, and never-ending agency. It survives the man who possessed it; survives his age,—perhaps his country, his language.

GEORGE CANNING

Statesman and orator, born in London, April 11, 1770; died August 8, 1827.

*Give me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe;
Bold I can meet—perhaps may turn his blow;
But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can
send,
Save, oh! save me from the candid friend.*



APRIL 12th

HENRY CLAY

Orator and statesman, born in Hanover County, Virginia, April 12, 1777; died in Washington, D. C., June 29, 1852.

In all the affairs of human life, social as well as political, I have remarked that courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart.

APRIL 13th

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Statesman who drafted the Declaration of Independence; third president of the United States, born at Shadwell, Va., April 13, 1743; died at Monticello, Va., July 4, 1826.

WE HOLD these truths self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

APRIL 14th

HORACE BUSHNELL

Clergyman and theologian, born at Litchfield, Conn., April 14, 1802; died at Hartford, Conn., February 17, 1876.

Habits are to the soul what the veins and arteries are to the blood, the courses in which it flows.



APRIL 15th

BLISS CARMAN

Poet and journalist, born at Fredericton, Canada, April 15, 1861; resides in New Canaan, Conn.

*Thank God for poverty
That makes and keeps us free,
And lets us go our unobtrusive way,
Glad of the sun and rain,
Upright, serene, humane,
Contented with the fortune of a day.*

HENRY JAMES, JR.

Novelist and critic, born in New York City, April 15, 1843; died February 28, 1916.

Nothing is so idle as to talk about want of opportunity or inspiration. The worthy part is to do something! Invent! Create! Achieve!



APRIL 16th

ANATOLE FRANCE

Author, born in Paris, April 16, 1844; resides in France.

Learn that the law of labor is Divine and that each man has his work to do in the world.

APRIL 17th

CHARLES H. PARKHURST

Clergyman and author, born at Framingham, Mass., April 17, 1842; resides in New York City.

The safest words are always those which bring us most directly to facts.

WILLIAM G. SIMMS

Poet and novelist, born at Charleston, S. C., April 17, 1806; died there, June 11, 1870.

The vulgar mind fancies that judgment is implied chiefly in the capacity to censure; and yet there is no judgment so exquisite as that which knows properly how to approve.



APRIL 18th

GEORGE HENRY LEWES

Philosophical writer, born in London, April 18, 1817; died November 28, 1878.

Many a genius has been slow of growth. Oaks that flourish for a thousand years do not spring up into beauty like a reed.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB

Capitalist, born at Williamsburg, Pa., April 18, 1862; resides in New York City.

The man who does not work for the love of work but only for money is not likely to make money nor to find much fun in life.

APRIL 19th

CHARLES S. VENABLE

Educator and author, born in Prince Edward County, Va., April 19, 1827; died in 1898.

The more complete and extensive a man's education, the more able is he to accomplish whatever he undertakes. The educated hand is strong, steady, active, graceful, and sensitive. The educated eye is alert, telescopic, microscopic, discriminating, capable of many tasks, accomplished in many arts. The educated memory is comprehensive, unconfused, accurate, retentive, quick. The educated reason is ready, logical, tranquil, profound, masterly. The educated affections are tender, constant, vigilant to seek and do their office, beautiful, robust. The educated will is decisive, prompt, unwavering — immovable in its rest, irresistible in its God-like motion.

APRIL 20th

MARCUS AURELIUS

Philosopher, born in Rome, April 20, 121; died March 17, 180.

Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect.

ALICE CARY

Poet and author, born near Cincinnati, O., April 20, 1820; died in New York City, February 12, 1871.

True worth is in being—not seeming;

In doing each day that goes by

Some little good—not in dreaming

Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in blindness,

And spite of the fancies of youth,

There's nothing so kingly as kindness,

And nothing so royal as truth.

HENRY T. TUCKERMAN

Essayist and poet, born in Boston, Mass., April 20, 1813; died in New York City, December 17, 1871.

*Though lone the way as that already trod,
Cling to thine own integrity and God!*

APRIL 21st

HENRY W. SHAW

(Josh Billings)

Author and humorist, born at Lanesboro, Mass., April 21, 1818; died at Monterey, Calif., October 4, 1895.

Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope.

FREDERICK W. FROEBEL

Educator, founder of the kindergarten, born at Oberweissbach, Germany, April 21, 1782; died June 21, 1852.

All that is high and holy in human life meets in that faith which is born of the unveiling of a heaven that has always been; in that hope born of a vision of the heaven that shall be; and in that love which creates a heaven in the eternal now.

JOHN MUIR

Naturalist, born at Dunbar, Scotland, April 21, 1838; died at Los Angeles, Calif., December 24, 1914.

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike.

REGINALD HEBER

Clergyman and hymn-writer, born in Cheshire, England, April 21, 1783; died April 2, 1826.

Eternity has no gray hairs. The flowers fade, the heart withers, man grows old and dies, the world lies down in the sepulchre of ages; but Time writes no wrinkles on the brow of Eternity.

APRIL 22nd

PHILIP JAMES BAILEY

Barrister and poet, born at Basford, England, April 22, 1816; died September 6, 1902.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives

Who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best.

HENRY FIELDING

Novelist, born at Sharpham Park, England, April 22, 1707; died October 8, 1754.

*When I'm not thank'd at all, I'm thank'd enough,
I've done my duty, and I've done no more.*

IMMANUEL KANT

Educator and metaphysician, born at Konigsberg, Germany, April 22, 1724; died February 12, 1804.

Beneficence is a duty. He who frequently practices it, and sees his benevolent intentions realized, at length comes to really love him to whom he has done good.

APRIL 23rd

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Greatest of dramatists, born at Stratford-on-Avon, England, April 23, 1564; died there, April 23, 1616.

This above all—to thine own self
be true,
And it must follow as the night
the day,
Thou canst not then be false to
any man.

JAMES BUCHANAN

Fifteenth president of the United States, born at Mercersburg, Pa., April 23, 1791; died at Lancaster, Pa., June 1, 1868.

We ought to cultivate peace, commerce and friendship with all nations, and this not merely as the best means of promoting our own material interests, but in a spirit of Christian benevolence toward our fellow-men, wherever their lot may be cast.

JAMES ANTHONY FROUDE

Historian, born at Totness, England, April 23, 1818; died October 20, 1894.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

EDWIN MARKHAM

Poet, born at Oregon City, Ore., April 23, 1852; resides at West New Brighton, N. Y.

*The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is Brotherhood.*

APRIL 24th

JOHN TRUMBULL

Lawyer and poet, born at Watertown, Conn., April 24, 1750; died at Detroit, Mich., May 10, 1831.

*All punishments the world can render
Serve only to provoke th' offender;
The will gains strength from treatment horrid,
As hides grow harder when they're curried.
No man e'er felt the halter draw,
With good opinion of the law;
Or held in method orthodox
His love of justice, in the stocks.*

ARTHUR C. BENSON

Educator and lecturer, born in Sussex, England, April 24, 1862; resides at Cambridge.

*It is better to be arraigned before the tribunal
of other men's consciences than to be condemned
before one's own.*

ANTHONY TROLLOPE

Novelist, born in London, April 24, 1815; died December 6, 1882.

Constancy in labor will conquer all difficulties.

APRIL 25th

OLIVER CROMWELL

Lord Protector of England, born at Huntington, April 25, 1599; died September 3, 1658.

Subtlety may deceive you; integrity never will.

JOHN KEBLE

Clergyman and poet, born at Fairford, England, April 25, 1792; died March 29, 1866.

*The deeds we do, the words we say,—
Into still air they seem to fleet,
We count them ever past;
But they shall last,—
In the great judgment they
And we shall meet.*

GUGLIELMO MARCONI

Inventor of the wireless, born near Bologna, Italy, April 25, 1874.

Most of us are making inventions of one kind or another constantly, and so earning our share of the same kinds of joy and satisfaction that come to the most famous inventors. We do it well or poorly, according to our various abilities, and we apply our inventiveness to all kinds of problems.



APRIL 26th

CHARLES FARRAR BROWNE
(Artemus Ward)

Humorist, born at Waterford, Me., April 26, 1834; died in England, March 6, 1867.

The prevailin' weakness of most public men is to slop over. G. Washington never slopt over.

APRIL 27th

ULYSSES S. GRANT

General, eighteenth president of the United States, born at Point Pleasant, O., April 27, 1822; died at Mount McGregor, N. Y., July 23, 1885.

No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty.

EDWARD GIBBON

Historian, born at Putney, England, April 27, 1737; died January 16, 1794.

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.

HERBERT SPENCER

Philosopher, born at Derby, England, April 27, 1820; died December 8, 1903.

Rightness expresses of actions what straightness does of lines; and there can no more be two kinds of right action than there can be two kinds of straight line.

S. F. B. MORSE

Artist and publicist, famous as inventor of the telegraph, born at Charlestown, Mass., April 27, 1791; died in New York City, April 2, 1872.

I am persuaded that whatever facilitates intercourse between the different portions of the human family will have the effect under the guidance of sound moral principles to promote the best interests of man.

APRIL 28th

JAMES MONROE

Fifth president of the United States, born in Westmoreland County, Va., April 28, 1758; died in New York City, July 4, 1831.

With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered, and shall not interfere; but with the governments which have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great considerations and just principles, acknowledged, we could not view an interposition for oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States.



APRIL 29th

EDWARD ROWLAND SILL

Poet and editor, born at Windsor, Conn., April 29, 1841; died at Cleveland, O., February 27, 1887.

*Make this forenoon sublime,
This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,
And Time is conquered, and thy crown is won.*



APRIL 30th

HOSEA BALLOU

Clergyman and author, born at Richmond, N. H., April 30, 1771; died at Boston, Mass., June 7, 1852.

Hatred is self-punishment.

CYRUS A. BARTOL

Clergyman, born at Freeport, Me., April 30, 1813; died at Boston, Mass., December 17, 1900.

Character is the diamond that scratches every other stone.

MAY

MAY 1st

JOSEPH ADDISON

Author and essayist, born at Milston, England, May 1, 1672; died June 17, 1719.

A friendship that makes the least noise is often the most useful; for which reason I should prefer a prudent friend to a zealous one.

JOHN WOLCOTT

(Peter Pindar)

Painter and satirist, born at Dodbroke, England, May 1, 1738; died January 14, 1819.

*Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt;
And every grin, so merry, draws one out.*

MAY 2nd

ROBERT HALL

Pulpit orator, born at Arnesby, England, May 2, 1764; died February 21, 1831.

In the struggles of ambition, in violent competitions for power or for glory, how slender the partition between the widest extremes of fortune, and how few the steps and apparently slight the circumstances which sever the throne from the prison, the palace from the tomb!

ELIAS BOUDINOT

Patriot and philanthropist, born in Philadelphia, Pa., May 2, 1740; died at Burlington, N. J., October 24, 1821.

Ever keep in mind that it is parts that form the whole, and fractions constitute the unit. Good government generally begins in the family, and if the moral character of a people once degenerates their political character must soon follow.

WILLIAM CAMDEN

Historian and antiquary, born in London, May 2, 1551; died November 9, 1623.

Better half a loaf than no bread.

MAY 3rd

NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI

Historian and author, born at Florence, Italy, May 3, 1469; died June 22, 1527.

All enterprises to be undertaken should be for the glory of God and the general good of the country.



MAY 4th

HORACE MANN

Educator and statesman, born at Franklin, Mass., May 4, 1796; died at Yellow Springs, O., August 2, 1859.

It is well to think well; it is divine to act well.

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

Naturalist, born in New Orleans, La., May 4, 1780; died in New York City, January 27, 1851.

The productions of nature became my playmates. I felt that intimacy with them not consisting of friendship merely but bordering on frenzy must accompany my steps through life.

THOMAS H. HUXLEY

Naturalist and philosopher, born at Ealing, England, May 4, 1825; died June 29, 1895.

Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against truth.

MAY 5th

JOHN WILLIAM DRAPER

Chemist, physiologist and historian, born near Liverpool, England, May 5, 1811; died at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., January 4, 1882.

Whoever seeks the improvement of his fellow-men, the ennobling of the community in which he lives, or the true glory of the nation, can best accomplish his purpose by spreading forth the light of knowledge, and strengthening and developing the public understanding.



MAY 6th

JOSEPH JOUBERT

French moralist, born at Montignac, May 6, 1754; died May 4, 1824.

Children have more need of models than of critics.

ROBERT E. PEARY

Explorer, famous as discoverer of the North Pole, born at Cresson, Pa., May 6, 1856; died February 20, 1920.

I have always been proud that I was born an American, but never so proud as when on that biting, sunlit Arctic day I saw the Stars and Stripes waving at the apex of the earth. As I watched it fluttering in the crisp air of the Pole, I thought of the 23 years of my own life which had been spent in laboring toward that goal and rejoiced because I could now lay at the feet of my country a trophy which the greatest nations of the world had been struggling to attain for nearly 400 years.

MAY 7th

ROBERT BROWNING

Poet, born at Camberwell, England, May 7, 1812;
died December 12, 1889.

*The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world!*



MAY 8th

FRANCIS QUARLES

Author and essayist, born at Romford, England,
May 8, 1592; died September 8, 1644.

Make use of time if thou lovest eternity; yesterday cannot be recalled; tomorrow cannot be assured; only today is thine which if thou procrastinate, thou lovest; and which lost is lost forever. One today is worth two tomorrows.

RENE LeSAGE

French novelist and dramatist, born at Sarzeau,
May 8, 1668; died November 17, 1747.

The blanks as well as the prizes must be drawn in the lottery of life.

AUGUSTA J. EVANS

Novelist, born at Columbus, Ga., May 8, 1835;
died in 1909.

After all, the joy of success does not equal that which attends the patient working.

MAY 9th

JAMES M. BARRIE

Author, born at Kirriemuir, Scotland, May 9, 1860; resides at Kirriemuir.

Life is a long lesson in humility.



MAY 10th

A. CLEVELAND COXE

Poet and bishop, born at Mendham, N. J., May 10, 1818; died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., July 20, 1896.

*Beneath the heaps of buried hopes that tell
Are sown not less the seeds of life's return;
God's ore is treasured in each narrow cell,
Where gold refines and only dross can burn.*



MAY 11th

JANE PORTER

Novelist, born at Durham, England, May 11, 1776; died May 24, 1850.

*Compulsion hardly restores right; love yields
all things.*

BENJAMIN WHICHCOTE

Clergyman and ethical writer, born at Shropshire, England, May 11, 1610; died May 14, 1683.

*He that would have the perfection of pleasure,
must be moderate in the use of it.*

ROBERT C. SANDS

Poet and author, born in New York City, May 11, 1799; died at Hoboken, N. J., December 17, 1832.

*One only heart, still true in joy or woe,
Is all the kindest fates can e'er bestow.*

MAY 12th

DANTE G. ROSSETTI

Painter, poet and author, born in London, May 12, 1828; died April 9, 1882.

Love is a holy thought which is a prayer before one knows of it.

ROBERT C. WINTHROP

Statesman and orator, born in Boston, Mass., May 12, 1809; died there, November 16, 1894.

The poor must be wisely visited and liberally cared for, so that mendicity shall not be tempted into mendacity, nor want exasperated into crime.



MAY 13th

JOHN S. DWIGHT

Essayist and musical critic, born in Boston, Mass., May 13, 1813; died there, September 5, 1893.

There is nothing like music to banish the numbing ghost of ennui. It lends secret sympathy, relief, expression to all one's moods, loves, longings, sorrows; comes nearer to the soul or to the secret wound than any friend or healing sunshine from without. It nourishes and feeds the hidden springs of hope and love and faith.

MAY 14th

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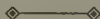
Poet and author, born at Florence, Italy, May 14, 1265; died September 14, 1321.

The noble soul in old age returns to God as to that port whence she set forth on the sea of this life. And as the good mariner, when he approaches port, furls his sails, and with slow course gently enters it, so should we furl the sails of our worldly affairs and turn to God with our whole mind and heart, so that we may arrive at that port with all sweetness and peace.

TIMOTHY DWIGHT

Clergyman and author, born at Northampton, Mass., May 14, 1752; died at New Haven, Conn., January 11, 1817.

*Columbia, Columbia, to glory arise,
The queen of the world and child of the skies!
Thy genius commands thee, with rapture behold,
While ages on ages thy splendors unfold.*



MAY 15th

LAMAN BLANCHARD

Litterateur and journalist, born at Great Yarmouth, England, May 15, 1804; died February 15, 1845.

*Pleasures lie thickest where no pleasures seem;
There's not a leaf that falls upon the ground
But holds some joy of silence or of sound,
Some sprite begotten of a summer dream.*

MAY 16th

WILLIAM H. SEWARD

Statesman, born at Florida, N. Y., May 16, 1801; died at Auburn, N. Y., October 10, 1872.

It is true that the national domain is ours. It is true, it was acquired by the valor and the wealth of the whole nation. But we hold, nevertheless, no arbitrary power over it. We hold no arbitrary power over anything, whether acquired by law, or seized by usurpation. The Constitution regulates our stewardship; the Constitution devotes the domain to union, to justice, to welfare, and to liberty. But there is a higher law than the Constitution, which regulates our authority over the domain and devotes it to the same noble purpose. We are the stewards of the Creator of the Universe.

HONORE de BALZAC

French novelist, born at Tours, May 16, 1799; died August 20, 1850.

The winter's frost must rend the burr of the nut before the fruit is seen. So adversity tempers the human heart to discover its real worth.



MAY 17th

ANNA BROWNELL JAMESON

Author, born in Dublin, Ireland, May 17, 1794; died March 17, 1860.

Blessed is the memory of those who have kept themselves unspotted FROM the world! Yet more blessed and more the memory of those who have kept themselves unspotted IN the world.

MAY 18th

JOSEPH BUTLER

Prelate and theologian, born at Wantage, England, May 18, 1692; died June 16, 1752.

Virtue must be the happiness and vice the misery of every creature.

JOHN WILSON

(Christopher North)

Essayist and poet, born at Paisley, Scotland, May 18, 1785; died April 3, 1854.

For every sort of suffering there is a sleep provided by a gracious Providence, save that of sin.



MAY 19th

JOHANN G. FICHTE

Philosopher, born at Rammenau, Germany, May 19, 1762; died January 27, 1814.

Everything great and noble in man is traced to this,—that he lose sight of his own personal existence in the life of the race; that he devote his own life to the purposes of the race; that he labor, endure, suffer, and if need be die, as a sacrifice to the race.

MAY 20th

JOHN STUART MILL

Philosophical writer, born in London, May 20, 1806; died May 9, 1873.

They who know how to employ opportunities will often find that they can create them, and what we achieve depends less on the amount of time we possess than of the use we make of our time.



MAY 21st

ALEXANDER POPE

Poet and essayist, born in London, May 21, 1688; died May 30, 1744.

A MAN should never be
ashamed to own he has
been in the wrong, which is
but saying in other words that
he is wiser today than he was
yesterday.



MAY 22nd

RICHARD WAGNER

Musical composer, born at Leipsic, Germany, May 22, 1813; died February 13, 1883.

Music is the inarticulate speech of the heart, which cannot be compressed into words, because it is infinite.

MAY 23rd

THOMAS HOOD

Poet and humorist, born in London, May 23, 1799; died May 3, 1845.

*The wounds I might have healed!
The human sorrow and smart!
And yet it never was in my soul
To play so ill a part:
But evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of Heart!*



MAY 24th

WILLIAM WHEWELL

Scientist and philosopher, born at Lancaster, England, May 24, 1794; died March 6, 1866.

Every failure is a step to success; every detection of what is false directs us toward what is true; every trial exhausts some tempting form of error. Not only so, but scarcely any attempt is entirely a failure; scarcely any theory, the result of steady thought, is altogether false; no tempting form of error is without some latent charm derived from truth.

MAY 25th

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Celebrated philosopher and poet, born in Boston, Mass., May 25, 1803; died at Concord, Mass., April 27, 1882.

THEY conquer who believe they can. He has not learned the lesson of life, who does not each day surmount a fear.

EDWARD BULWER-LYTTON

Novelist and playwright, born in London, May 25, 1803; died January 18, 1873.

*In the lexicon of youth which fate reserves
For a bright manhood, there is no such word as
fail.*

WILLIAM HENRY CHANNING

Clergyman and author, born in Boston, Mass., May 25, 1810; died December 23, 1884.

To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages with open heart; to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common. This is my symphony.

MAY 26th

MARY WORTLEY MONTAGUE

Author, born in England, May 26, 1689; died August 21, 1762.

Conscience is justice's best minister. It threatens, promises, rewards, and punishes, and keeps all under its control. The busy must attend to its remonstrances; the most powerful submit to its reproof, and the angry endure its upbraidings.



MAY 27th

JULIA WARD HOWE

Author, born in New York City, May 27, 1819; died at Portsmouth, R. I., October 17, 1910.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, JR.

Lawyer and historian, born in Boston, Mass., May 27, 1835; died in Washington, D. C., March 20, 1915.

We should prize men for what they are worth to the common country of us all.

MAY 28th

THOMAS MOORE

Lyric poet, born in Dublin, Ireland, May 28, 1779; died February 25, 1852.

*Let Fate do her worst; there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot de-
stroy;*

*And which come in the night-time of sorrow and
care,*

*To bring back the features that joy used to wear;
Long, long be my heart with such memories
filled;*

*Like the vase in which roses have once been dis-
tilled,*

*You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you
will,*

But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

LOUIS AGASSIZ

Zoologist, born at Mottier, Switzerland, May 28, 1807; died at Cambridge, Mass., December 14, 1873.

*Those who have succeeded best have followed
for years some slim thread which has once in a
while broadened out and disclosed some treasure
worth a life-long search.*

MAY 29th

PATRICK HENRY

Orator and patriot, born in Hanover County, Va., May 29, 1736; died at Red Hill, Va., June 6, 1799.

Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains or slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

GERALD MASSEY

Poet, born at Tring, England, May 29, 1828; died October 29, 1907.

*There's no dearth of kindness
In this world of ours;
Only in our blindness
We gather thorns for flowers.*



MAY 30th

ALFRED AUSTIN

Poet and journalist, born at Headingly, England, May 30, 1835; died June 2, 1913.

*So long as faith with freedom reigns
And loyal hope survives,
And gracious charity remains
To leaven lowly lives;
While there is one untrodden tract
For intellect or will,
And men are free to think and act,
Life is worth living still.*

MAY 31st

WALT WHITMAN

Poet, born at West Hills, Long Island, May 31, 1819; died at Camden, N. J., March 26, 1892.

*Whoever walks a furlong without sympathy
Walks to his own funeral drest in his shroud.*

JAMES J. ROCHE

Journalist and poet, born at Mountmellick, Ireland, May 31, 1847; died at Boston, Mass., April 3, 1908.

*A brave endeavor
To do thy duty, whate'er its worth,
Is better than life with love forever,
And love is the sweetest thing on earth.*

JOHANN L. TIECK

Poet and miscellaneous writer, born in Berlin, Germany, May 31, 1773; died April 28, 1853.

*He who considers himself a paragon of wisdom
is sure to commit some superlatively stupid act.*

JUNE

JUNE 1st

HENRY FRANCIS LYTE

Hymn writer, born at Kelso, Scotland, June 1, 1793; died November 20, 1847.

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*



JUNE 2nd

JOHN GODFREY SAXE

Poet and lecturer, born at Highgate, Vt., June 2, 1816; died at Albany, N. Y., March 31, 1887.

*I wish—that friends were always true,
And motives always pure;
I wish the good were not so few,
I wish the bad were fewer;
I wish that persons ne'er forgot
To heed their pious teaching;
I wish that practising was not
So different from preaching!*

JOHN RANDOLPH

Statesman, born at Cawsons, Va., June 2, 1773; died in Philadelphia, Pa., June 24, 1833.

The richer, the wiser, the more powerful a man is, the greater is the obligation upon him to employ his gifts in lessening the sum of human misery; and this employment constitutes happiness.

JUNE 3rd

SYDNEY SMITH

Essayist, born in Essex, England, June 3, 1771; died February 22, 1845.

Frank explanations with friends in case of affronts sometimes save a perishing friendship, and even place it on a firmer basis than at first; but secret discontent always ends badly.

RICHARD COBDEN

Statesman, born at Heysgott, England, June 3, 1804; died April 2, 1865.

Luck is ever waiting for something to turn up; labor, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn up something. Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him the news of a legacy; labor turns out at six o'clock, and with busy pen or ringing hammer, lays the foundation of a competence. Luck whines; labor whistles. Luck relies on chance; labor on character.

HENRY JAMES, SR.

Theologian and lecturer, born at Albany, N. Y., June 3, 1811; died at Cambridge, Mass., December 18, 1882.

The visible world is but man turned inside out that he may be revealed to himself.

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JUNE 4th

JOHN S. ELDON

Jurist, born at Newcastle, England, June 4, 1751;
died January 13, 1838.

Christianity is part of the law.

JEREMY BELKNAP

Clergyman and historian, born in Boston, Mass.,
June 4, 1744; died there, June 20, 1798.

*Let not my faith or patience move,
Nor aught abate my hope or love;
But brighter may my graces shine,
Till they're absorbed in light divine.*



JUNE 5th

ADAM SMITH

Political economist, born at Kirkcaldy, Scotland,
June 5, 1723; died July 17, 1790.

Man stands at all times in need of the co-operation and assistance of great multitudes, while his whole life is scarce sufficient to gain the friendship of a few persons. In almost every other race of animals each individual, when it is grown up to maturity, is entirely independent, and in its natural state has occasion for the assistance of no other living creature. But man has almost constant occasion for the help of his brethren.



JUNE 6th

NATHAN HALE

American patriot, born at Coventry, Conn., June 6, 1755; executed as a spy while fulfilling an order from General Washington in New York City, September 22, 1776.

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

JUNE 7th

ALEXANDER PUSHKIN

Russian poet, born in Moscow, June 7, 1799; died in 1837.

*When conscience is pure it triumphs
O'er bitter malice, o'er dark calumny;
But if there be in it one single stain,
Reproaches beat like hammers in the ears.*



JUNE 8th

CHARLES READE

Novelist and dramatist, born at Ipsden House, England, June 8, 1814; died April 11, 1884.

Not a day passes over the earth but men and women of no note do great deeds, speak great words, and suffer noble sorrows. Of these obscure heroes, philosophers and martyrs the greater part will never be known till that hour when many that were great shall be small, and the small great.

HENRY C. TRUMBULL

Author and lecturer, born at Stonington, Conn., June 8, 1830; died in Philadelphia, Pa., December 8, 1903.

It is good to have a friend, but it is better to be a friend. The gain of being unselfishly loved and sympathized with, and helped and cheered, is not to be compared with the gain of unselfishly loving and sympathizing with and helping and cheering another. No glad incoming to one's heart from without can uplift and enlarge it like the expansive force of a generous and self-forgetting love out-working from within.

JUNE 9th

JOHN HOWARD PAYNE

Actor and dramatist, born in New York City, June 9, 1792; died at Tunis, Africa, April 10, 1852.

*Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with
elsewhere.*

RICHARD DODDRIDGE BLACKMORE

Novelist, born at Longworth, England, June 9, 1825; died January 20, 1900.

Hope is nothing more than desire with a telescope magnifying distant matters, overlooking near ones; opening one eye on the objects, closing the other to all objections.

JUNE 10th

EDWIN ARNOLD

Poet and journalist, born at Rochester, England, June 10, 1832; died March 24, 1904.

Pity and need

*Make all flesh kin. There is no caste in blood,
Which runneth of one hue; nor caste in tears,
Which trickle salt with all.*

ROBERT CONRAD

Lawyer and dramatist, born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 10, 1810; died there, June 27, 1858.

Power, and wealth, and fame,

Are but as weeds upon life's troubled tide;

Give me but these: a spirit tempest-tried,

A brow unshrinking, and a soul of flame,

*The joy of conscious worth, its courage and its
pride!*

JUNE 11th

BEN JONSON

Dramatist and author, born at Westminster, England, June 11, 1573; died August 6, 1637.

No man is so foolish but he may sometimes give another good counsel, and no man so wise that he may not easily err if he takes no other counsel than his own. He that is taught only by himself has a fool for a master.

JOSEPH WARREN

Patriot and orator, born at Roxbury, Mass., June 11, 1741; slain in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

Where justice is the standard, heaven is the warrior's shield.

GEORGE WITHER

Author, born at Brentworth, England, June 11, 1588; died May 2, 1667.

'Tis not much-doing, but well-doing that which God commands, the doer justifies. We ought not therefore to regard alone how often, but how well the work is done.

JUNE 12th

CHARLES KINGSLEY

Clergyman and author, born in Devonshire, England, June 12, 1819; died January 23, 1875.

*Be good, my dear; let who will be clever;
Do noble things, not dream them all day long;
And so make life, death, and the vast forever
One grand, sweet song.*



JUNE 13th

THOMAS ARNOLD

(Arnold of Rugby)

Educator and author, born at West Cowles, Isle of Wight, June 13, 1795; died June 12, 1842.

FIRST, religious and moral principles; SECONDLY, gentlemanly conduct; THIRDLY, intellectual ability.

HENRY P. DAVISON

Financier, born at Troy, Pa., June 13, 1867; resides in New York City.

The simple virtues of willingness, readiness, alertness and courtesy will carry a young man farther than mere smartness.



JUNE 14th

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

Educator and author whose most famous work was "Uncle Tom's Cabin," born at Litchfield, Conn., June 14, 1812; died at Hartford, Conn., July 1, 1896.

*Sweet souls around us watch us still,
Press nearer to our side;
Into our thoughts, into our prayers,
With gentle helpings glide.*

JUNE 15th

EDWARD GRIEG

Composer, born at Bergen, Norway, June 15, 1843; died September 3, 1907.

It is great to have friends when one is young, but indeed it is still more so when you are getting old. When we are young, friends are, like everything else, a matter of course. In the old days we know what it means to have them.



JUNE 16th

JAMES F. FERRIER

Scottish metaphysician, born in Edinburgh, June 16, 1808; died June 11, 1864.

We should accustom ourselves to make attention entirely the instrument of volition. Let the will be determined by the conclusions of reason, by deliberate conclusions, and then let attention be wielded by both.



JUNE 17th

JOHN WESLEY

Clergyman, born at Epworth, England, June 17, 1703; died March 2, 1791.

I would as soon curse and swear as worry. It is doubting God.

JUNE 18th

FRANCES S. OSGOOD

Poet and editor, born in Boston, Mass., June 18, 1811; died at Hingham, Mass., May 12, 1850.

*Work—for some good, be it ever so slowly;
Cherish some flower, be it ever so lowly;
Labor! all labor is noble and holy:
Let thy great deeds be thy prayer to thy God.*

SAMUEL LONGFELLOW

Clergyman and author, born at Portland, Me., June 18, 1819; died there, October 3, 1892.

Into all our lives, in many simple, familiar, homely ways, God infuses the element of joy from the surprises of life which unexpectedly brighten our days. The success we were not counting on, the blessing we were not trying after, the strain of music in the midst of drudgery, the beautiful morning picture or sunset glory thrown in as we pass to or from our daily business, the unsought word of encouragement or expression of sympathy—these and a hundred others that every one's experience can supply are instances of what I mean. You may call it accident or chance—it often is; you may call it human goodness—it often is; but always, always, call it God's love, for that is always in it.

JUNE 19th

CONFUCIUS

Chinese sage, born at Shangping, June 19, 551 B. C.; died in 478 B. C.

Let frugality, temperance, modesty, and prudent economy become the objects of your reflection, and regulate your conduct.

BLAISE PASCAL

Philosopher and mathematician, born at Clermont, France, June 19, 1623; died August 19, 1662.

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.

CHARLES H. SPURGEON

Clergyman, born at Kelvedon, England, June 19, 1834; died January 31, 1892.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

ELBERT HUBBARD

Author, born at Bloomington, Ill., June 19, 1859; died on the Lusitania, May 7, 1915.

I wish to live without hate, whim, jealousy, envy or fear. I wish to be simple, honest, natural, frank, clean in mind and body; to meet all men on an absolute equality, to face any obstacle and meet any difficulty unafraid and unabashed.

SAM WALTER FOSS

Poet and journalist, born at Candia, N. H., June 19, 1858.

*Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*

JUNE 20th

ANNA L. BARBAULD

Poet and essayist, born at Kilworth-Harcourt, England, June 20, 1743; died March 9, 1825.

*Life! we've been together
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear:
Perhaps 'twill cause a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time,
Say not Good-night—but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good-morning.*



JUNE 21st

WILLIAM E. AYTOUN

Lawyer and poet, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 21, 1813; died August 4, 1865.

*There may be danger in the deed,
But there is honor too.*



JUNE 22nd

WILHELM VON HUMBOLDT

Philologist and author, born at Potsdam, Prussia, June 22, 1767; died April 8, 1835.

Every man, however good he may be, has a yet better man dwelling in him, which is properly himself, but to whom nevertheless he is often unfaithful. It is to this interior and less mutable being that we should attach ourselves, not to the changeable, every-day man.

JUNE 23rd

JOHN JAY

Lawyer and statesman, grandson of Chief Justice Jay, born in New York City, June 23, 1817; died there, May 5, 1894.

Every principle contains within itself the germ of a prophecy, and it is a thought fraught with hope and confidence even when disaster and defeat threaten.



JUNE 24th

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Clergyman, lecturer and author, born at Litchfield, Conn., June 24, 1813; died at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 8, 1887.

A good character, good habits, and iron industry are impregnable to the assaults of all the ill luck that fools ever dreamed of.

JEAN BAPTISTE MASSILLON

One of the most eloquent of French preachers, born at Hyeres, June 24, 1663; died September 18, 1742.

Time is short; your obligations are infinite.

GEORGE ARNOLD

Poet, born in New York City, June 24, 1834; died at Strawberry Farms, N. J., November 3, 1865.

*"The living need charity more than the dead,"
Said the jolly old pedagogue, long ago.*

JUNE 25th

ELIPHALET NOTT

Educator, born at Ashford, Conn., June 25, 1773; died at Schenectady, N. Y., January 29, 1866.

Happiness is a shy nymph, and if you chase her you will never catch her; but just go quietly on in the way of duty and she will come to you.



JUNE 26th

PHILIP DODDRIDGE

Hymn writer, born in London, June 26, 1702; died October 26, 1751.

*Awake, my soul! stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.*



JUNE 27th

HELEN KELLER

Author and educator, deaf and blind since childhood, born at Tuscumbia, Ala., June 27, 1880; resides at Forest Hills, L. I.

If I should try to say anew the creed of the optimist, I should say something like this: "I believe in God, I believe in man, I believe in the power of the spirit. I believe it is a sacred duty to encourage ourselves and others; to hold the tongue from any unhappy word against God's world, because no man has any right to complain of a universe which God made good, and which thousands of men have striven to keep good. I believe we should so act that we may draw nearer and more near the age when no man shall live at his ease while another suffers."

JUNE 28th

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

Author and poet, born at Dowth Castle, Ireland, June 28, 1844; died at Hull, Mass., August 10, 1890.

*A kindly act is a kernel sown
That will grow to a goodly tree,
Shedding its fruit when time has flown
Down the gulf of eternity.*

JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU

Philosopher, born at Geneva, Switzerland, June 28, 1712; died July 2, 1778.

To live is not merely to breathe; it is to act!

FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER

Clergyman, celebrated as a writer of hymns, born at Calverley, England, June 28, 1814; died September 26, 1863.

*The Land beyond the Sea!
How close it often seems,
When flushed with evening's peaceful gleams;
And the wistful heart looks o'er the strait, and
dreams!
It longs to fly to thee,
Calm Land beyond the Sea!*

JUNE 29th

GEORGE W. GOETHALS

Engineer, builder of the Panama Canal, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 29, 1858; resides in New York City.

Knowledge of our duties is the most essential part of the philosophy of life. If you escape duty you avoid action. The world demands results.

CELIA THAXTER

Poet, born at Portsmouth, N. H., June 29, 1835; died August 26, 1894.

Dark skies must clear, and when the clouds are past,

*One golden day redeems a weary year;
Patient I listen, sure that sweet at last
Will sound His voice of cheer.*



JUNE 30th

NICHOLAS ROWE

Poet and dramatist, born at Little Barford, England, June 30, 1674; died December 6, 1718.

*Think not the good,
The gentle deeds of mercy thou hast done,
Shall die forgotten all; the poor, the prisoner,
The fatherless, the friendless, and the widow,
Who daily owe the bounty of thy hand,
Shall cry to Heaven, and pull a blessing on thee.*

JULY

JULY 1st

ROCHAMBEAU

Military commander, leader of the French forces in aid of the American colonists, born at Vendome, France, July 1, 1725; died May 10, 1807.

In an experience of forty years, I have found none easier to conquer than those who have lost confidence in their leader; and they lose that immediately when they find themselves sacrificed to one's own particular aims and personal ambitions.

JOSEPH HALL

English bishop and author, born near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, July 1, 1574; died August 11, 1656.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.



JULY 2nd

RICHARD HENRY STODDARD

Author, born at Hingham, Mass., July 2, 1825; died in New York City, May 12, 1903.

*We have two worlds about us,
Two worlds in which we dwell:
Without, the somber Real,
Within, our hearts of hearts, the beautiful Ideal.*

JULY 3rd

EDWARD YOUNG

Poet, born at Upham, England, July 3, 1683; died April 5, 1765.

*'Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours
And ask them what report they bore to heaven.*

CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN

Author and poet, born at Hartford, Conn., July 3, 1860; resides in New York City.

To keep my health!

To do my work!

To live!

To see to it I grow and gain and give!

Never to look behind me for an hour,

To wait in weakness and to walk in power,

But always fronting to the light,

Always, and always facing toward the right,

Robbed, starved, defeated, fallen, wide astray—

On, with what strength I have!

Back to the way!

JULY 4th

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

Author, born at Salem, Mass., July 4, 1804; died at Plymouth, N. H., May 18, 1864.

Christian faith is a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory nor can possibly imagine any; standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

Thirtieth president of the United States, born at Plymouth, Vt., July 4, 1872.

All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work. Work is not a curse; it is the prerogative of intelligence, the only means to manhood, and the measure of civilization.

GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI

Italian patriot, born at Nice, July 4, 1807; died June 2, 1882.

Give me the ready hand rather than the ready tongue.

STEPHEN COLLINS FOSTER

Song writer, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 4, 1826; died in New York City, January 13, 1864.

*Way down upon de Swanee ribber,
Far, far away,
Dere's where my heart is turning ebber,
Dere's where de old folks stay.*

JULY 5th

P. T. BARNUM

Showman, born at Bethel, Conn., July 5, 1810; died at Bridgeport, Conn., April 7, 1891.

More persons, on the whole, are humbugged by believing nothing, than by believing too much.

BARONESS DUDEVANT

(George Sand)

French novelist and playwright, born in Paris, July 5, 1804; died June 8, 1876.

There is but one virtue—the eternal sacrifice of self.

JULY 6th

JOHN PAUL JONES

Scottish-American naval adventurer, famous as the commander of the *Bonhomme Richard*, born at Kirkbean, Scotland, July 6, 1747; died in Paris, France, July 18, 1792.

Though I have drawn my sworn in the struggle for the rights of men, yet I am not in arms as an American, nor am I in pursuit of riches. My fortune is liberal enough, having lived long enough to know that riches cannot ensure happiness. I profess myself a citizen of the world, totally unfettered by the little distinctions of climate or of country, which diminish the benevolence of the heart and set bounds to philanthropy. I have sacrificed not only my favorite scheme of life, but the softer affections of the heart, and my prospects of domestic happiness, and I am ready to sacrifice my life also, with cheerfulness, if that forfeiture could restore peace and good-will among mankind.

GOTTFRIED LIEBNITZ

Philosopher and mathematician, born at Leipsic, Germany, July 6, 1646; died November 14, 1716.

To love is to place our happiness in the happiness of another.



JULY 7th

ROBERT GILFILLAN

Scottish poet, born at Dunfermline, July 7, 1788; died December 4, 1850.

*Though dark and dreary lowers the night,
Calm and serene may be the morrow;
The cup of pleasure ne'er shone bright
Without some mingling drops of sorrow.*

JULY 8th

FITZ-GREENE HALLECK

American poet, born at Guilford, Conn., July 8, 1790; died there, November 19, 1867.

*Strike—till the last armed foe expires;
Strike—for your altars and your fires;
Strike—for the green graves of your sires;
God—and your native land!*

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Capitalist, born at Richford, N. Y., July 8, 1839; resides at Tarrytown, N. Y.

The most important thing for a young man starting life is to establish a credit—a reputation, character. He must inspire the complete confidence of others.



JULY 9th

ANN WARD RADCLIFFE

Novelist and poet, born in London, July 9, 1764; died February 7, 1823.

*Spirit of love and sorrow—hail!
Thy solemn voice from far I hear,
Mingling with evening's dying gale;
Hail with this sadly-pleasing tear!
O! at this still, this lonely hour,
Thine own sweet hour of closing day,
Awake thy lute, whose charming power
Shall call up fancy to obey.*

JULY 10th

WILLIAM BLACKSTONE

Jurist, born in London, July 10, 1723; died February 14, 1780.

In general, all mankind will agree that government should be reposed in such persons in whom are most likely to be found the three great requisites: wisdom, goodness, and power; wisdom, to discern the real interest of the community; goodness, to endeavor always to pursue that real interest; and strength, or power, to carry this knowledge and intention into action.

ARTHUR HELPS

Author, born at Streatham, England, July 10, 1813; died March 7, 1875.

To hear always, to think always, to learn always; it is thus that we live truly; he who aspires to nothing, and learns nothing, is not worthy of living.

JOHN CALVIN

Theologian, born at Noyon, France, July 10, 1509; died May 27, 1564.

Where the glory of God is not made the end of government it is not a legitimate sovereignty but a usurpation. And he is deceived who expects lasting prosperity in that kingdom which is not ruled by the sceptre of God—that is, His holy word; for that heavenly oracle cannot fail who declares that “where there is no vision the people perish.”

JULY 11th

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

Sixth president of the United States, born at Braintree, Mass., July 11, 1767; died in Washington, D. C., February 23, 1848.

From indolence, despondency, and indiscretion, may I specially be preserved!

JOHN WANAMAKER

Merchant and philanthropist, born near Philadelphia, Pa., July 11, 1838; died in Philadelphia, December 12, 1922.

Every undertaking is made up of the sum of past endeavors plus ambition and new vision.

JOSEPH BLANCO WHITE

Author and editor, born at Seville, Spain, July 11, 1775; died May 20, 1841.

*Mysterious Night! when our first parent knew
Thee from report divine, and heard thy name,
Did he not tremble for this lovely frame,
This glorious canopy of light and blue?
Yet 'neath a curtain of translucent dew,
Bathed in the rays of the great setting flame,
Hesperus with the host of heaven came,
And lo! creation widened to man's view.
Who could have thought such darkness lay concealed
Within thy beams, O Sun! or who could find,
Whilst flower and leaf and insect stood revealed,
That to such countless orbs thou mad'st us blind!
Why do we then shun Death with anxious strife?
If Light can thus deceive, wherefore not Life?*

JULY 12th

JULIUS CAESAR

Roman statesman, historian and general, born July 12, 100 B. C.; died March 15, 44 A. D.

Set about what thou intendest to do; the beginning is half the battle.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Naturalist and author, born at Concord, Mass., July 12, 1817; died there, May 6, 1862.

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be; now put foundations under them!

GEORGE EASTMAN

Inventor, manufacturer and philanthropist, born at Waterville, N. Y., July 12, 1854; resides at Rochester, N. Y.

I have believed in trying to do some little things as I have gone along. I don't believe in men waiting until they are ready to die before using any of their money for helpful purposes.

THOMAS GUTHRIE

Divine and orator, born at Forfarshire, Scotland, July 12, 1803; died February 24, 1873.

Faith may be cast down, but faith cannot be destroyed. There is no reason, because we are perplexed, ever to despair. Dark as the cloud looks, stand on the side of it that lies next the sun.

JULY 13th

JOHN CLARE

The "Peasant Poet," born at Helpstone, England, July 13, 1793; died in May, 1864.

What is Life?

'Tis but a trial all must undergo,
To teach unthankful mortals how to prize
That happiness vain man's denied to know,
Until he's called to claim it in the skies.



JULY 14th

GABRIEL DERZHAVIN

Poet, born at Kasan, Russia, July 14, 1743; died July 21, 1816.

*In its sublime research, philosophy
May measure out the ocean deep—may count
The sands or the sun's rays—but God! for Thee
There is no weight nor measure—none can mount
Up to Thy mysteries. Reason's brightest spark,
Though kindled by Thy light, in vain would try
To trace Thy counsels, infinite and dark;
And thought is lost ere thought can soar so high—
E'en like past moments in eternity.*

JULY 15th

REMBRANDT

Painter and etcher, born at Leyden, Holland, July 15, 1607; died October 8, 1669.

Try to put well in practice what you already know; and in so doing you will, in good time, discover the hidden things which you now inquire about. Practice what you know and it will help to make clear what you do not know.

WILLIAM WINTER

Poet and critic, born at Gloucester, Mass., July 15, 1836; died in New York City, June 30, 1917.

In the path of duty grows many a thorn,

And bleak is the scorn of a selfish world;

But there never was night without its morn,

And after the tempest the clouds are furled;

For over all spreadeth the bright blue sky,

And we trust in our God, who is always nigh!

JULY 16th

MARY BAKER EDDY

Author and teacher, founder of Christian Science, born at Bow, N. H., July 16, 1821; died in Boston, Mass., December 3, 1910.

Evil thoughts and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspecting lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defense.

EBEN E. REXFORD

Poet, born at Johnburg, N. Y., July 16, 1848; died at Green Bay, Wis., October 18, 1916.

*Be brave with faith in humankind,
Strong with trust in God above;
To a comrade's frailties blind,
Quick to see with eyes of love!*

THEODORE N. VAIL

Capitalist, born in Carroll County, O., July 16, 1845; died April 15, 1920.

Success is measured, not by material gains, but by doing work well and faithfully.

JOSHUA REYNOLDS

Painter, born at Plympton, England, July 16, 1723; died February 23, 1792.

If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if you have but moderate abilities, industry will supply their deficiency. Nothing is denied to well-directed labor; nothing is to be obtained without it.

JULY 17th

ISAAC WATTS

Hymn writer, born at Southampton, England, July 17, 1674; died November 25, 1748.

*Were I so tall to reach the pole
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
The mind's the standard of the man.*

MARTIN F. TUPPER

Poet and philosopher, born in London, July 17, 1810; died November 29, 1889.

*Charity walketh with a high step, and stumbleth
not at a trifle;
Charity hath keen eyes, but the lashes half con-
ceal them;
Charity is praised of all, and fear not thou that
praise,
God will not love thee less because men love thee
more.*



JULY 18th

WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY

One of the greatest of English novelists, born at Calcutta, India, July 18, 1811; died December 24, 1863.

*We sow a thought and reap an act; we sow an
act and reap a habit; we sow a habit and reap a
character; we sow a character and reap destiny.*

JULY 19th

VICTOR CHERBULIEZ

French novelist and critic, born at Geneva, Switzerland, July 19, 1820; died July 1, 1899.

What helps luck is a habit of watching for opportunities, of having a patient but restless mind, of sacrificing one's ease or vanity, of uniting a love of detail to foresight, and of passing through hard times bravely and cheerfully.



JULY 20th

FRANCESCO PETRARCH

Poet, born at Arezzo, Italy, July 20, 1304; died July 18, 1374.

*Mark, sovereign Lords! how Time, with pinion
strong*

Swift hurries life along!

E'en now, behold! Death presses on the rear.

We sojourn here a day—the next, are gone!

The soul, disrobed—alone,

Must shuddering seek the doubtful pass we fear.

And ye, whose cruelty

Has sought another's harm, by fairer deed

Of heart, or hand, or intellect, aspire

To win the honest meed

Of just renown—the noble mind's desire!

Thus sweet on earth the stay!

Thus to the spirit pure, unbarr'd is Heaven's way.

JULY 21st

MATTHEW PRIOR

Poet, born at East Dorset, England, July 21, 1604; died September 18, 1721.

*Our hopes, like towering falcons, aim
At objects in an airy height;
The little pleasure of the game
Is from afar to view the flight.*



JULY 22nd

EMMA LAZARUS

Poet and author, born in New York City, July 22, 1849; died there, November 19, 1887.

Patience is the essence of all pain.

JAMES SPEYER

Banker and philanthropist, born in New York City, July 22, 1861.

People need to know and understand one another to be able to see correctly and sympathize with one another's conditions and aims. Strife is usually based on misunderstanding.

JULY 23rd

CARDINAL JAMES GIBBONS

Author and churchman, born at Baltimore, Md., July 23, 1834; died there, March 24, 1921.

Let us do all we can in the cause of humanity. Every man has a mission from God to help his fellow-beings. Never do we approach nearer to our Heavenly Father than when we alleviate the sorrows of others. Never do we perform an act more Godlike than when we bring sunshine to hearts that are dark and desolate.

COVENTRY PATMORE

Poet and essayist, born at Woodford, England, July 23, 1823; died in 1896.

*Give thanks. It is not time misspent;
Worst fare this betters, and the best
Wanting this natural condiment,
Breeds crudeness and will not digest.
The grateful love the Giver's law;
But those who eat, and look no higher,
From sin or doubtful sanction draw
The biting sauce their feasts require.
Give thanks for naught, if you've no more,
And, having all things, do not doubt
That naught, with thanks, is blest before
Whate'er the world can give, without.*

JULY 24th

ALEXANDRE DUMAS, SR.

Novelist, born at Villers-Cotterets, France, July 24, 1802; died December 5, 1870.

Among all animals, from man to the dog, the heart of a mother is always a sublime thing.

JOSIAH G. HOLLAND

Novelist and journalist, born at Belchertown, Mass., July 24, 1819; died in New York City, October 12, 1881.

*I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common sod,
To a purer air and a brighter view.*



JULY 25th

ARTHUR J. BALFOUR

Author and statesman, born in Scotland, July 25, 1848; resides in South Wales, England.

Every human soul is of infinite value, eternal, free; no human being, therefore, is so placed as not to have within his reach, in himself and others, objects adequate to infinite endeavor.

JULY 26th

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Dramatist and novelist, born in Dublin, Ireland, July 26, 1856; resides in London.

It is easy—terribly easy—to shake a man's faith in himself. To take advantage of that to break a man's spirit, is devil's work.

WINTHROP M. PRAED

Poet and author, born in London, July 26, 1802; died July 15, 1839.

Where'er one meek heart prays, God's love is there.



JULY 27th

THOMAS CAMPBELL

Poet, born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 27, 1777; died June 15, 1844.

*Dark and despairing, my sight I may seal,
But man cannot cover what God would reveal;
'Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore,
And coming events cast their shadow before.*

JULY 28th

ALEXANDER DUMAS, JR.

Dramatic author, born in Paris, July 28, 1824; died November 27, 1895.

Love without esteem is an angel with but one wing.

WILLIAM MATHEWS

American essayist, born at Waterville, Me., July 28, 1818; died in Boston, Mass., February 14, 1909.

Tell me how much has been your patient toil in obscurity, and I will tell you how far you will triumph in an emergency.

JOHN STUART BLACKIE

Educator and author, born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 28, 1809; died March 2, 1895.

*Sow not in sorrow,
Fling your seed abroad, and know
God sends tomorrow
The rain to make it grow!
A fool is he his woe who feeds,
And seeks the thorn by which he bleeds,
While harmless culled from bloomy meads
The rose comes to the wise.*

JULY 29th

ALEXIS CHARLES de TOCQUEVILLE

Statesman and author, born in Paris, July 29, 1805; died April 16, 1859.

Remember that life is neither pain nor pleasure; it is serious business, to be entered upon with courage and in a spirit of self-sacrifice.



JULY 30th

SAMUEL ROGERS

Poet, born in London, July 30, 1763; died September 18, 1855.

*That very law which moulds a tear
And bids it trickle from its source,
That law preserves the earth a sphere
And guides the planets in their course.*

HENRY FORD

Manufacturer, born at Greenfield, Mich., July 30, 1863; resides in Dearborn, Mich.

There is only one sure road to success. That is the road of service. Render a real service and fortune is sure to come to you.

JULY 31st

JAMES KENT

Jurist, born at Philippi, N. Y., July 31, 1783; died in New York City, December 12, 1847.

The general diffusion of the Bible is the most effectual way to civilize and humanize mankind; to purify and exalt the general system of public morals; to give efficacy to the precepts of international and municipal law; to enforce the observance of prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude; and to improve all the relations of social and domestic life.

JOHN HALL

Clergyman and religious writer, born in County Armagh, Ireland, July 31, 1829; died September 17, 1898.

The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.

AUGUST

AUGUST 1st

RICHARD HENRY DANA, JR.

Lawyer and author, famous for his stories of the sea, born at Cambridge, Mass., August 1, 1815; died January 6, 1882.

With the sailor, as with all other men in fact, the cultivation of the intellect, and the spread of what is commonly called useful knowledge, while religious instruction is neglected, is little else than changing an ignorant sinner into an intelligent and powerful one.



AUGUST 2nd

FRANCIS M. CRAWFORD

Novelist, born at Lucca, Italy, August 2, 1854; died April 9, 1909.

It makes little difference what the trade, business, or branch of learning; in mechanical labor, or intellectual effort, the educated man is always superior to the common laborer. One who is in the habit of applying his powers in the right way will carry system into any occupation, and it will help him as much to handle a rope as to write a poem.

WILLIAM WATSON

Poet, born at Wharfedale, England, August 2, 1858; resides in England.

*God on His throne is eldest of poets:
Unto His measures moveth the whole.*

AUGUST 3rd

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK

Clergyman, born at Syracuse, N. Y., August 3, 1858; died May 18, 1901.

*Business is religion and religion is business.
The man who does not make a business of his
religion has a religious life of no force, and the
man who does not make a religion of his business,
has a business life of no character.*

HENRY CUYLER BUNNER

Author and poet, born at Oswego, N. Y., August 3, 1855; died at Nutley, N. J., May 11, 1896.

Off with your hat as the flag goes by!

And let the heart have its say;

You're man enough for a tear in your eye

That you will not wipe away;

You're man enough for a thrill that goes

To your very finger-tips—

Ay! the lump just then in your throat that rose

Spoke more than your parted lips.

AUGUST 4th

PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

Poet, born in Sussex, England, August 4, 1792; died at sea, July 8, 1822.

*Those who inflict must suffer, for they see
The work of their own hearts, and that must be
Our chastisement or recompense.*



AUGUST 5th

GUY DE MAUPASSANT

Novelist, born in France, August 5, 1850; died July 6, 1893.

We keep tender memories for certain springs, for certain woods, for certain pools, for certain hills, seen very often, and which have stirred us like joyful events. Sometimes our thoughts turn back towards a corner in a forest, or the end of a bank, or an orchard powdered with flowers, seen but a single time, on some gay day; yet remaining in our hearts and leaving in soul and body an unappeased desire which is not to be forgotten, a feeling that you have just rubbed elbows with happiness.

AUGUST 6th

ALFRED TENNYSON

Poet, born in Lincolnshire, England, August 6, 1809; died September 6, 1892.

*I hold, in truth, with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping-stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.*

FENELON

Theologian and writer, born in Perigord, France, August 6, 1651; died January 7, 1715.

*He who prays without confidence cannot hope
that his prayers will be granted.*

AUGUST 7th

JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE

Poet and essayist, born in New York City, August 7, 1795; died there, September 21, 1820.

*When Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night,
And set the Stars of glory there.
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
The milky baldrick of the skies,
And striped its pure celestial white
With streakings of the morning light!*

FREDERICK WILLIAM FARRAR

Clergyman and author, born in Bombay, India, August 7, 1831; died March 22, 1903.

To live well in the quiet routine of life, to fill a little space because God wills it, to go on cheerfully with a petty round of little duties and little avocations; to smile for the joys of others when the heart is aching,—who does this, his works will follow him. He is one of God's heroes.

AUGUST 8th

FRANCIS HUTCHESON

Philosopher and educator, born in County Down, Ireland, August 8, 1694; died in 1746.

That action is best which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers; and that worst which in like manner occasions misery.

SARA TEASDALE

Author and poet, born in St. Louis, Mo., August 8, 1884; resides in New York City.

*I shall not let a sorrow die
Until I find the heart of it,
Nor let a wordless joy go by
Until it talks to me a bit.*

AUGUST 9th

JOHN DRYDEN

Poet, born in Northamptonshire, England, August 9, 1631; died May 1, 1700.

*Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He who can call today his own;
He who, secure within, can say,
Tomorrow, do thy worst, for I have lived today.*

IZAACK WALTON

Author, born in Stafford, England, August 9, 1593; died December 15, 1683.

*Good company and good discourse are the very
sinews of virtue.*

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Lawyer, famous as the author of "The Star Spangled Banner," born in Frederick County, Maryland, August 9, 1780; died in Baltimore, Md., January 11, 1843.

*O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming—*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the
perilous fight,*

*O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming!*

*And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in
air,*

*Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there;*

*O say, does the Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave!*

AUGUST 10th

HORACE FLETCHER

Author and lecturer, born at Lawrence, Mass., August 10, 1849; died January 13, 1919.

The underlying cause of all weakness and unhappiness in man, heredity and environment to the contrary notwithstanding, has always been, and still is, weak habit-of-thought. This is proven by the observed instances in which strong habit-of-thought has invariably made its masters superior to heredity, and to environment, and to illness, and to weakness of all kinds, and has redeemed them from non-success and misery to the enjoyment of success, honor and happiness.

CHRISTIAN F. WEISSE

Philosopher, born at Leipsic, Germany, August 10, 1801; died September 19, 1866.

*Tomorrow, tomorrow, not today,
Hear the lazy people say.*



AUGUST 11th

ROBERT INGERSOLL

Lawyer and orator, born at Dresden, N. Y., August 11, 1833; died at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., July 21, 1889.

Life is a narrow vale, between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities; we strive in vain to look beyond the heights, we cry aloud, but the only answer is our wailing cry; from the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word, but in the dark hour of death, hope sees a star, and listening, love can hear the rustle of a wing.

AUGUST 12th

ROBERT SOUTHEY

Poet and author, born at Bristol, England, August 12, 1774; died March 21, 1843.

*The virtuous heart and resolute mind are free,
Thus in their wisdom did the Gods decree
When they created man. Let come what will
This is our rock of strength; in every ill,
Sorrow, oppression, pain and agony,
The spirit of the good is unsubdued,
And suffer as they may, they triumph still.*

AUGUST 13th

GOLDWIN SMITH

Author and essayist, born at Reading, England, August 13, 1823; died June 7, 1910.

In estimating the wealth of a country, we must not leave out of sight its beauty. Beauty is the kind of wealth which grows more valuable as civilization advances. As the life of man becomes busier, and more beset by care and turmoil, he longs the more for the refreshment afforded by the silent and pensive loveliness of nature, which his increasing refinement of mind and sensibility render him at the same time more able to appreciate.

AUGUST 14th

PARK BENJAMIN

Journalist and poet, born in British Guiana, August 14, 1809; died in New York City, September 12, 1864.

*Press on! there's no such word as fail!
Press nobly on! the goal is near!
Ascend the mountain! Breast the gale!
Look upward, onward,—never fear!
Why shouldst thou faint? Heaven smiles above,
Though storms and vapors intervene;
That sun shines on, whose name is Love,
Serenely o'er Life's shadowed scene.*

AUGUST 15th

SIR WALTER SCOTT

Poet and foremost Scottish novelist, born in Edinburgh, August 15, 1771; died September 21, 1832.

*Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said*

*This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd,*

*From wandering on a foreign strand!
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no Minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
Despite these titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch, concentered all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonor'd and unsung.*

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

Military leader, born at Ajaccio, Corsica, August 15, 1769; died May 5, 1821.

*The only true conquests—those which awaken
no regret—are those obtained over ignorance.
The most honorable, as the most useful, pursuit
of nations is that which contributes to the extension
of human intellect.*

THOMAS DE QUINCEY

Noted author, born at Manchester, England, August 15, 1786; died December 8, 1859.

*It is an impressive truth that sometimes in the
very lowest forms of duty, less than which would
rank a man as a villain, there is, nevertheless, the
sublimest ascent of self-sacrifice. To do less would
class you as an object of eternal scorn; to do so
much presumes the grandeur of heroism.*

AUGUST 16th

CAROLINA OLIPHANT

Poet, born in Perthshire, Scotland, August 16, 1766; died October 26, 1845.

*If you might, would you now
Retrace your way?*

*Wander through thorny wilds
Faint and astray?*

*Night's gloomy watches fled,
Morning all beaming red,
Hope's smiles around us shed,
Heavenward—away.*



AUGUST 17th

DAVID CROCKETT

American pioneer, born at Limestone, Tex., August 17, 1786; killed at Fort Alamo, Tex., March 6, 1836.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead.

HENRY DRUMMOND

Clergyman and author, born at Stirling, Scotland, August 17, 1851; died March 11, 1897.

*Half the world is on the wrong scent in the
pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in
having and getting, and in being served by others.
It consists in giving, and in serving others.*

FREDRIKA BREMER

Swedish novelist, born at Tuorla, Finland, August 17, 1801; died December 31, 1865.

*People generally have three epochs in their
confidence in man. In the first they believe him
to be everything that is good, and they are lavish
with their friendship and confidence. In the next,
they have had experience, which has smitten
down their confidence, and then they have to be
careful not to mistrust every one, and to put the
worst construction upon everything. Later in life,
they learn that the greater number of men have
much more good in them than bad, and that even
when there is cause to blame, there is more rea-
son to pity than condemn; and then a spirit of
confidence again awakens within them.*

AUGUST 18th

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS

Publicist and diplomat, born in Boston, Mass., August 18, 1807; died there, November 21, 1886.

The way to peace in times of disorder is not always found by refusing to listen to complaints. I prefer to consider grievances, were it but to be sure that they have no just foundation; much more if they prove to merit attention for their reasonableness. My notion of the duty of a public man is to watch the growth of offenses, and not to neglect, still less to despise them.

ROBERT BUCHANAN

Author, born in Scotland, August 18, 1841; died June 10, 1901.

*Beauty and Truth, tho' never found,
Are worthy to be sought.*



AUGUST 19th

JEAN PIERRE DE BERANGER

Lyric poet, born in Paris, August 19, 1780; died July 17, 1857.

*Let's learn to temper our desires,
Not harshly to constrain;
And since excess makes pleasure less,
Why, so much more refrain.*

SAMUEL G. GOODRICH

Author, born at Ridgefield, Conn., August 19, 1793; died in New York City, May 9, 1860.

Prejudice, obstinately indulged, prevents the discovery of important truths, and keeps the mind wrapped in gloom and sorrow, which might otherwise be blessed by the realization of its fondest hopes. Prejudice often prevents a man from discovering that the object of his dislikes, could he see and know him as he is, is indeed a man, and, as such, a brother.

AUGUST 20th

BENJAMIN HARRISON

Twenty-second president of the United States, born at North Bend, O., August 20, 1833; died at Indianapolis, Ind., March 13, 1901.

Let us exalt patriotism and moderate our party contentions. Let those who would die for the flag on the field of battle give a better proof of their patriotism and a higher glory to their country by promoting fraternity and justice.

ROBERT HERRICK

Poet, born in London, August 20, 1591; died October 14, 1674.

*Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles today
Tomorrow will be dying.*



AUGUST 21st

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

French prelate, born near Geneva, August 21, 1567; died December 28, 1622.

Have patience with all things, but chiefly with yourself. Do not lose courage by considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them: every day begin the task anew.

AUGUST 22nd

JOHN B. GOUGH

Author and orator, born at Landgate, England, August 22, 1817; died in Philadelphia, Pa., February 18, 1886.

A man's enemies have no power to harm him, if he is true to himself and loyal to God.

EDWARD B. PUSEY

Theologian, born in Berkshire, England, August 22, 1800; died September 14, 1882.

It is by doing our duty that we learn to do it. So long as men dispute whether or no a thing is their duty, they get never the nearer. Let them set ever so weakly about doing it, and the face of things alters. They find in themselves strength which they knew not of.

AUGUST 23rd

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

Naval officer, born at Newport, R. I., August 23, 1785; died August 23, 1819.

We have met the enemy and they are ours.

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY

Author and critic, born at Gloucester, England, August 23, 1849; died July 12, 1903.

It matters not how strait the gate,

How charged with punishments the scroll,—

I am the master of my fate;

I am the captain of my soul.

DAVID SWING

Clergyman, born in Cincinnati, O., August 23, 1830; died in Chicago, Ill., October 3, 1894.

*Let us learn to be content with what we have.
Let us get rid of our false estimates, and set up
all the higher ideals; a quiet home; vines of our
own planting; a few books full of the inspiration
of a genius; a few friends worthy of being loved
and able to love us in return; a hundred innocent
pleasures that bring no pain or remorse; a devo-
tion to the right that will never swerve; a simple
religion empty of all bigotry, full of truth and
hope and love.*

AUGUST 24th

THEODORE PARKER

Clergyman, born at Lexington, Mass., August 24, 1810; died May 10, 1860.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.



AUGUST 25th

BRET HARTE

Novelist and poet, born at Albany, N. Y., August 25, 1839; died May 6, 1902.

Not yet, O friend! not yet!

All is not true!

All is not ever as it seemeth now,

Soon shall the river take another blue,

Soon dies yon light upon the mountain brow;

What lieth dark, O love, bright day will fill;

Wait for thy morning, be it good or ill,—

Not yet, O love, not yet!

AUGUST 26th

ROBERT WALPOLE

Statesman, born at Houghton, England, August 26, 1676; died March 18, 1745.

There are few difficulties that cannot be surmounted, if properly and resolutely engaged in. Time and address have often carried things that met at the first onset with great reluctance.



AUGUST 27th

BARTHOLD G. NIEBUHR

Historian and philologist, born in Copenhagen, August 27, 1776; died January 2, 1831.

If we survive danger it steels our courage more than anything else.



AUGUST 28th

GOETHE

Author and poet, born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, August 28, 1749; died March 22, 1832.

*Use well the moment; what the hour
Brings for thy use is in thy power,
And what thou best canst understand,
Is just the thing lies nearest to thy hand.*

AUBREY DE VERE

Poet and author, born in Curragh Chase, Ireland, August 28, 1788; died July 28, 1846.

*To improve ourselves and serve mankind
Life and its choicest faculties are given.
Man should be ever better than he seems,
And shape his acts, and discipline his mind,
To walk adorning earth, with hope of heaven.*

AUGUST 29th

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

Poet and essayist, born at Cambridge, Mass., August 29, 1809; died in Boston, Mass., October 7, 1894.

*Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul!
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting
sea!*

MAURICE MAETERLINCK

Belgian author, born at Ghent, August 29, 1862.

*Let us never forget that an act of goodness is
of itself an act of happiness. No reward coming
after the event can compare with the sweet re-
ward that went with it.*

JOHN LOCKE

Author and philosopher, born at Wrington, England, August 29, 1632; died October 28, 1704.

*It is one thing to show a man that he is in
error, and another to put him in possession of
the truth.*

AUGUST 30th

SAMUEL OSGOOD

Clergyman and author, born at Charlestown, Mass., August 30, 1812; died in New York City, April 14, 1880.

Human life is a constant want and ought to be a constant prayer.



AUGUST 31st

ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS WARD

Poet, born at Andover, Mass., August 31, 1844; died at Newton, Mass., January 28, 1910.

*"All the rivers run into the sea,"
O thou bounding, burning river,
Hurrying heart! I seem /
To know (so one knows in a dream)
That in the waiting heart of God forever,
Thou too shalt find the sea.*

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1st

LYDIA HUNTLY SIGOURNEY

Poet and author, born at Norwich, Conn., September 1, 1791; died at Hartford, Conn., June 10, 1865.

*Not on the outer world
For inward joy depend;
Enjoy the luxury of thought
Make thine own self thy friend;
Not with the restless throng,
In search of solace roam,
But with an independent zeal
Be intimate at home.*



SEPTEMBER 2nd

HENRY GEORGE

Political economist, born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 2, 1839; died in New York City, October 29, 1897.

*That which is unjust can really profit no one;
that which is just can really harm no one.*

EUGENE FIELD

Author and poet, born in St. Louis, Mo., September 2, 1850; died in Chicago, Ill., November 4, 1895.

*I hear thy voice, dear Lord,—
I hear it by the stormy sea,
When Winter nights are black and wild,
And when affright I call to Thee,
It calms my fears and whispers me,
"Sleep well, my child."*

SEPTEMBER 3rd

CHARLES VICTOR VON BONSTETTEN

Swiss philosophical writer, born at Berne, September 3, 1745; died February 3, 1832.

To resist the frigidity of old age one must combine the body, the mind and the heart,—and to keep them in parallel vigor one must exercise, study and love.

CHARLES WILLIAM STUBBS

Theologian, born in Liverpool, England, September 3, 1845; died in 1912.

The root of all true religion lies in the lessons of Freedom and Forgiveness,—the true Freedom which only comes from service to mankind, the true Pardon which only comes to those who forgive.



SEPTEMBER 4th

PHOEBE CARY

Poet and writer, born near Cincinnati, O., September 4, 1824; died at Newport, R. I., July 31, 1871.

*No soul can ever clearly see
Another's highest, noblest part
Save through the sweet philosophy
And loving wisdom of the heart.*

SEPTEMBER 5th

CHRISTOPHER M. WIELAND

Poet and author, born near Biberach, Germany, September 5, 1733; died January 20, 1813.

Too oft is transient pleasure the source of long woes.



SEPTEMBER 6th

LA FAYETTE

General, and benefactor of the American Colonies, born at Auvergne, France, September 6, 1757; died May 20, 1834.

Humanity has won its suit in America, so that Liberty will nevermore be without an asylum.



SEPTEMBER 7th

GEORGE LOUIS LE CLERC BUFFON

Naturalist, born at Montbard, France, September 7, 1707; died April 16, 1788.

Nature is the exterior throne of God's glory. The man who studies and contemplates it rises gradually towards the interior throne of omniscience.

SEPTEMBER 8th

LUDOVICO ARIOSTO

Italian poet, born at Reggio, Italy, September 8, 1474; died June 6, 1533.

*When Reason, giving way to heat of blood,
Herself from hasty choler ill defends,
And, hurried on by blind and furious mood,
We with the tongue or hand molest our friends,
Though the offence is, after, wept and rued,
The penance which we pay is poor amends.*



SEPTEMBER 9th

TOLSTOI

Novelist and social reformer, born in Yasnaia Poliana, Russia, September 9, 1828; died November 20, 1910.

*The vocation of every man and woman is to
serve other people.*

RICHARD C. TRENCH

Prelate and philologist, born in Dublin, Ireland, September 9, 1807; died March 28, 1886.

*Mark how there still has run, inwoven from
above,
Through thy life's darkest woof, the golden
thread of love.*

SEPTEMBER 10th

PHILIP GILBERT HAMERTON

Author, born at Laneside, England, September 10, 1834; died November 5, 1894.

The best time savers are the love of soundness in all we learn or do, and a cheerful acceptance of inevitable limitations.



SEPTEMBER 11th

JAMES THOMSON

Poet, born at Ednam, Scotland, September 11, 1700; died August 27, 1743.

*Sweet source of virtue,
O sacred sorrow! he who knows not thee
Knows not the best emotions of the heart,—
Those tender tears that harmonize the soul,
The sigh that charms, the pang that gives delight.*

JOANNA BAILLIE

Dramatist and poet, born at Bothwell, Scotland, September 11, 1762; died February 23, 1851.

*The brave man is not he who feels no fear,
For that were stupid and irrational;
But he, whose noble soul its fear subdues,
And bravely dares the danger nature shrinks
from.*

WILLIAM SIDNEY PORTER
(O. Henry)

Author of short stories, born at Greensboro, N. C., September 11, 1862; died June 5, 1910.

Fortune is a prize to be won. Adventure is the road to it. Chance is what may lurk in the shadows at the roadside.

SEPTEMBER 12th

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER

Author, born at Plainfield, Mass., September 12, 1829; died at Hartford, Conn., October 20, 1900.

Sometimes the influence of Things is good and sometimes it is bad. We need a philosophy that shall tell us why it is one or the other, and fix the responsibility where it belongs. If Things are not actually malicious, they seem to have a power of revenging themselves. We ought to try to understand them better, and to be more aware of what they can do to us.

FRANCIS E. CLARK

Clergyman, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, born at Aylmer, Quebec, Canada, September 12, 1851; resides in Boston, Mass.

First—Deep religious devotion; second—Service for all and all for service; third—Fellowship with Fidelity.



SEPTEMBER 13th

JULIUS CHARLES HARE

Theologian, born at Valdagus, Italy, September 13, 1795; died in England, January 23, 1855.

The praises of others may be of use in teaching us not what we are, but what we ought to be.



SEPTEMBER 14th

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT

Naturalist, born in Berlin, September 14, 1769; died May 6, 1859.

Mere communion with nature, mere contact with the free air, exercises a soothing yet strengthening influence on the wearied spirit, calms the storm of passion, and softens the heart when shaken by sorrow to its inmost depths.

SEPTEMBER 15th

JAMES FENIMORE COOPER

Novelist, born at Burlington, N. J., September 15, 1789; died at Cooperstown, N. Y., September 14, 1851.

Friendship which flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring does not congeal in Winter.

LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

Maxim writer, born in Paris, September 15, 1613; died March 17, 1680.

It is praiseworthy even to attempt a great action.

JAMES GATES PERCIVAL

Poet and scientist, born at Kensington, Conn., September 15, 1795; died at Hazel Green, Wis., May 2, 1856.

*There are moments of life that we never forget,
Which brighten and brighten, as time steals
away;*

*They give a new charm to the happiest lot,
And they shine on the gloom of the loneliest
day.*

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

Chief justice, twenty-seventh president of the United States, born at Cincinnati, O., September 15, 1857; resides in Washington, D. C.

Rules of conduct which govern men in their relations to one another are being applied in an ever-increasing degree to nations.

SEPTEMBER 16th

ORESTES A. BROWNSON

Editor and philosopher, born at Stockbridge, Vt., September 16, 1803; died at Detroit, Mich., April 17, 1876.

The glory of both man and woman is for each to act well the part assigned to each by Almighty God.

ALFRED NOYES

Poet, born at Staffordshire, England, September 16, 1880; resides in London.

*Ye that follow the vision
Of the world's weal afar,
Have ye met with derision
And the red laugh of war?
Yet the thunder shall not hurt you
Nor the battle storms dismay;
Though the sun in heaven desert you
"Love will find out the way."*



SEPTEMBER 17th

JOHN FOSTER

Essayist, born in England, September 17, 1770; died October 15, 1843.

A man without decision can never be said to belong to himself; he is as a wave of the sea, or a feather in the air which every breeze bloweth about as it listeth.

SAMUEL HOPKINS

Theologian, born at Waterbury, Conn., September 17, 1721; died at Newport, R. I., December 20, 1803.

The true Christian, whether rich or poor, in a high or low station, honored and applauded, or neglected and despised by men, is in possession of a high, solid, and refined enjoyment which the men of the world know not, and which the world cannot give or take away.

SEPTEMBER 18th

SAMUEL JOHNSON

Author, born at Lichfield, England, September 18, 1709; died December 13, 1784.

Let us stop while to stop is in our power; let us live as men who are some time to grow old, and to whom it will be the most dreadful of all evils to count their past years by follies, and to be reminded of their former luxuriance of health only by the maladies which riot has produced.

JOHN T. TROWBRIDGE

Poet and novelist, born at Ogden, N. Y., September 18, 1827; died in 1916.

*A flower more sacred than far-seen success
Perfumes my solitary path; I find
Sweet compensation in my humbleness,
And reap the harvest of a quiet mind.*

JOSEPH STORY

Jurist, born at Marblehead, Mass., September 18, 1779; died at Cambridge, Mass., September 10, 1845.

Human wisdom is the aggregate of all human experience, constantly accumulating and selecting and reorganizing its own materials.

CLINTON SCOLLARD

Author and poet, born at Clinton, N. Y., September 18, 1860; resides in New York City.

*None will house regret who feel
Perennial summer in the heart.*

SEPTEMBER 19th

LOUIS KOSSUTH

Hungarian orator and patriot, born at Monok, Zemplin, September 19, 1802; died March 20, 1894.

It is the surmounting of difficulties that makes heroes.

HENRY BROUGHAM

Author and orator, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, September 19, 1778; died May 7, 1868.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

HARTLEY COLERIDGE

Poet, born at Clevedon, England, September 19, 1796; died January 6, 1849.

*Pray to be perfect, though material leaven
Forbid the spirit so on earth to be;
But if for any wish thou darest not pray,
Then pray to God to cast that wish away.*



SEPTEMBER 20th

DAVID ROSS LOCKE (Petroleum V. Nasby)

Humorist and satirist, born at Vestal, N. Y., September 20, 1833; died at Toledo, O., February 15, 1888.

Retrospect is profitable. By castin a prophetic eye backards, a massive intellek kin dissern errors which hev bin made, and kin dodge em in the dim and misty fucher.

SEPTEMBER 21st

EDMUND W. GOSSE

Poet and literary critic, born in London, September 21, 1849; resides in London.

*Cling to the flying hours; and yet
Let one pure hope, one great desire,
Like song on dying lips, be set—
That ere we fall in scattered fire
Our hearts may lift the world's heart higher.*

EDWARD C. SIMMONS

Merchant and manufacturer, born at Frederick, Md., September 21, 1839; resides in St. Louis, Mo.

*The difference between failure and success is
doing a thing nearly right and doing it exactly
right.*

FRANCIS HOPKINSON

American patriot, writer and lawyer, born in Philadelphia, September 21, 1737; died there, May 9, 1791.

*Hail heav'n born music! by thy pow'r we raise
Th' uplifted soul to acts of highest praise.*

SEPTEMBER 22nd

PHILIP DORMER STANHOPE

Author and essayist, born in London, September 22, 1694; died March 24, 1773.

Never imagine that anything you can say yourself will varnish your defects, or add luster to your perfections; but on the contrary, it may, and nine times in ten will, make the former more glaring and the latter obscure.

GEORGE STILLMAN HILLARD

Lawyer and author, born at Machias, Me., September 22, 1808; died in Boston, Mass., January 21, 1879.

Life is but another name for action; and he who is without opportunity exists but does not live.

SEPTEMBER 23rd

JANE TAYLOR

Poet and author, born in London, September 23, 1783; died April 19, 1824.

*Though man a thinking being is defined,
Few use the great prerogative of mind;
How few think justly of the thinking few!
How many never think who think they do!*

JEREMY COLLIER

Clergyman, born in Cambridgeshire, England, September 23, 1650; died April 26, 1726.

Perpetual pushing and assurance put a difficulty out of countenance, and make a seeming impossibility give way.

SARAH J. LIPPINCOTT

Poet and author, born at Pompey, N. Y., September 23, 1823; died in 1904.

*Ah! yet near earth the eagle tires;
Lost in the sea, the river;
But naught can stay the human mind—
'Tis upward, onward, ever!
It yet shall tread the starlit paths,
By highest angels trod,
And pause but at the farthest world,
In the universe of God.*

SEPTEMBER 24th

JOHN MARSHALL

Jurist, born at Germantown, Va., September 24, 1755; died in Philadelphia, July 6, 1835.

The interest of the community is blended and inseparably connected with that of the individual. When he promotes his own he promotes that of the community. When we consult the common good we consult our own.



SEPTEMBER 25th

FELICIA DOROTHEA HEMANS

English-Irish poet, born in Liverpool, September 25, 1793; died May 16, 1835.

*There is a strength
Deep bedded in our hearts of which we reck
But little, till the shafts of heaven have pierced
Its fragile dwelling. Must not earth be rent
Before her gems are found?*



SEPTEMBER 26th

JAMES HILLHOUSE

Author, born at New Haven, Conn., September 26, 1789; died January 4, 1841.

I would not waste the springtime of my youth in idle dalliance. I would plant rich seeds to blossom in my manhood, and bear fruit when I am old.

SEPTEMBER 27th

HENRY FREDERICK AMIEL

Poet and philosopher, born at Geneva, Switzerland, September 27, 1821; died May 11, 1881.

He who does not advance falls back; he who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, crushed; he who ceases to grow greater becomes smaller; he who leaves off, gives up; the stationary condition is the beginning of the end.

SAMUEL ADAMS

American patriot and statesman, born in Boston, September 27, 1722; died there, October 2, 1803.

Among our natural rights are these: First a right to life, secondly to liberty, thirdly to property; together with the right to defend them in the best manner we can.

EPES SARGENT

Poet and dramatist, born at Gloucester, Mass., September 27, 1813; died in Boston, December 31, 1880.

Man owes his growth chiefly to the active striving of the will, that encounter with difficulty which we call effort; and it is astonishing to find how often results that seemed impracticable are thus made possible.

SEPTEMBER 28th

WILLIAM JONES

Author and linguist, born at Westminster, England, September 28, 1746; died April 27, 1794.

If I am asked who is the greatest man, I answer: the best; and if I am required to say who is the best, I reply: he that has deserved most of his fellow-creatures.

FRANCES E. WILLARD

Educator, born near Rochester, N. Y., September 28, 1839; died February 18, 1898.

Understand this first, last and always: The world wants the best thing. It wants YOUR best.



SEPTEMBER 29th

HORATIO NELSON

Naval commander, born at Burnham-Thorpe, England, September 29, 1758; died October 21, 1805.

Whoever gains the palm by merit, let him hold it.



SEPTEMBER 30th

SAMUEL S. COX

Statesman and editor, born at Zanesville, O., September 30, 1824; died in New York City, September 10, 1889.

Wherever I found the volume of Nature open, there I found sunbeams to illumine and beautify. Whatever was seen in or around the sky, be it star or mountain, bird or tree; whatever was painted in water, or written on rocks, had been glorified from this golden source.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1st

JAMES LAWRENCE

American naval officer, born at Burlington, N. J., October 1, 1781; slain in naval battle, June 5, 1813.

Don't give up the ship!

RUFUS CHOATE

Lawyer and orator, born at Essex, Mass., October 1, 1799; died July 13, 1859.

We join ourselves to no party that does not carry the flag and keep step to the music of the Union.



OCTOBER 2nd

THEODORE TILTON

American editor, born in New York City, October 2, 1835; died May 25, 1907.

*In all our losses, all our gains,
In all our pleasures, all our pains,
The life of life is: Love remains.
In every change from good to ill—
If love continue still,
Let happen then what will.*



OCTOBER 3rd

GEORGE BANCROFT

Historian, born at Worcester, Mass., October 3, 1800; died in Washington, D. C., January 17, 1891.

Duty is bolder than theory, more confident than the understanding, older and more imperative than speculative science; existing from eternity, and recognized in its binding force from the first morning of creation.

OCTOBER 4th

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

Nineteenth president of the United States, born at Delaware, O., October 4, 1822; died at Fremont, O., January 17, 1893.

Never be afraid of criticism or ridicule; always remember that opposition and calumny are often the brightest tribute that vice and folly can pay to virtue and wisdom. The commendation of some men justly excites suspicion, and their censure is equivalent to a certificate of good character.

FRANCOIS PIERRE GUIZOT

French historian and statesman, born at Nimes, October 4, 1787; died September 12, 1874.

The universal and insuperable instinct which leads man to prayer is in harmony with this great fact: he who believes in God cannot but have recourse to him and pray to him.

OCTOBER 5th

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Theologian, born at East Windsor, Conn., October 5, 1703; died at Princeton, N. J., March 22, 1758.

Resolved: To do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good of mankind in general; never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way; never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life; never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonor.

HORACE WALPOLE

Author, born in London, October 5, 1717; died March 2, 1797.

A careless song, with a little nonsense in it now and then, does not misbecome a monarch.

JOHN ADDINGTON SYMONDS

Poet and author, born at Bristol, England, October 5, 1840; died April 19, 1893.

*Gods fade; but God abides and in man's heart
Speaks with the clear unconquerable cry
Of energies and hopes that can not die.*



OCTOBER 6th

GEORGE HENRY BOKER

Poet and dramatist, born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 6, 1823; died there, January 2, 1890.

*Love is that orbit of the restless soul
Whose circle grazes the confines of space,
Bounding within the limits of its race
Utmost extremes.*

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE

Statesman and orator, born in Highland County, O., October 6, 1862; resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

*Where the flag leads we follow; the Republic
never retreats.*

OCTOBER 7th

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Poet, born at Greenfield, Ind., October 7, 1849; died at Indianapolis, Ind., July 22, 1916.

*The buds may blow and the fruit may grow,
And the autumn leaves drop crisp and sere;
But whether the sun or the rain or the snow,
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear.*



OCTOBER 8th

EDMUND C. STEDMAN

Poet and critic, born at Hartford, Conn., October 8, 1833; died in New York City, January 18, 1908.

*What if the battle end and thou hast lost?
Others have lost the battle thou hast won;
Haste thee, bind thy wounds, nor count the cost;
Over the field will rise to-morrow's sun.
'Tis all in a lifetime.*

JOHN HAY

Author and statesman, born at Salem, Ind., October 8, 1838; died near Newbury, N. H., July 1, 1905.

*He weren't no saint—but at jedgment
I'd run my chance with Jim,
'Longside of some pious gentlemen
That wouldn't shook hands with him.
He seen his duty, a dead-sure thing—
And went for it thar and then;
And Christ ain't a going to be too hard
On a man that died for men.*

OCTOBER 9th

CERVANTES

Spanish poet and novelist, born near Madrid, October 9, 1547; died April 23, 1616.

He who loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend, loses more; but he that loses his courage, loses all.

ELIZABETH AKERS ALLEN

Poet and author, born at Strong, Me., October 9, 1832; died in 1911.

*Behold, we live through all things—famine, thirst,
Bereavement, pain; all grief and misery,
All woe and sorrow; life inflicts its worst
On soul and body—but we cannot die,
Though we be sick, and tired, and faint, and
worn—
Lo, all things can be borne!*

LEWIS CASS

Statesman and soldier, born at Exeter, N. H., October 9, 1782; died in Detroit, Mich., June 17, 1866.

He who is not FOR his country is AGAINST her. There is no neutral position to be occupied.

OCTOBER 10th

GEORGE POPE MORRIS

Journalist, born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 10, 1802; died in New York City, July 6, 1864.

Woodman, spare that tree—touch not a single bough!

*In youth it sheltered me, and I'll protect it now.
'Twas my forefather's hand that placed it near
his cot;*

*There, woodman, let it stand—thy ax shall harm
it not!*

JOHN ABERCROMBIE

Scottish physician and philosopher, born at Aberdeen, October 10, 1780; died November 14, 1844.

Life has a value beyond the mere acquirement of knowledge and the mere prosecution of our own happiness. This value is found in those nobler pursuits which qualify us for promoting the good of others, and in those acquirements by which we learn to become masters of ourselves.



OCTOBER 11th

SAMUEL CLARKE

Metaphysical writer, born at Norwich, England, October 11, 1675; died May 17, 1729.

Virtue and true goodness, righteousness and equity, are things truly noble and excellent, lovely and venerable in themselves.

OCTOBER 12th

LYMAN BEECHER

Clergyman and theologian, father of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, born at New Haven, Conn., October 12, 1775; died at Brooklyn, N. Y., January 10, 1863.

The power of choosing right or wrong makes man a moral agent; his actually choosing wrong makes him a sinner.

GEORGE W. CABLE

Novelist, born in New Orleans, La., October 12, 1844; resides in Northampton, Mass.

We can not live within ourselves, nor even for ourselves, and be satisfied.



OCTOBER 13th

THOMAS HAYNES BAYLY

Dramatist and novelist, born at Bath, England, October 13, 1797; died April 22, 1839.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.



OCTOBER 14th

WILLIAM PENN

Founder of the Colony of Pennsylvania, born in London, England, October 14, 1644; died July 30, 1718.

He that does good for good's sake, seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.

OCTOBER 15th

ALLAN RAMSAY

Scottish poet, born at Leadhills, October 15, 1686; died January 7, 1758.

*By ease that's inglorious no fame can be gained;
Beauty and love's the reward of the brave,
And I must deserve it before I can crave.*



OCTOBER 16th

NOAH WEBSTER

Lexicographer and author, born at Hartford, Conn., October 16, 1758; died at New Haven, Conn., May 28, 1843.

*Language, as well as the faculty of speech, was
the immediate gift of God.*



OCTOBER 17th

JOHN BOWRING

Author and hymn-writer, born in Exeter, England, October 17, 1792; died November 23, 1872.

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime.
When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me—
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.*

OCTOBER 18th

HELEN HUNT JACKSON

Author and novelist, born at Amherst, Mass., October 18, 1831; died in San Francisco, Calif., August 12, 1885.

*Who waits until the wind shall silent keep,
Who never finds the ready hour to sow,
Who watcheth clouds, will have no time to reap.*

HOSEA BALLOU

Clergyman and historian, born at Halifax, Vt., October 18, 1796; died at Somerville, Mass., May 27, 1861.

*How quickly a truly benevolent act is repaid by
the consciousness of having done it!*

THOMAS L. PEACOCK

Novelist and poet, born at Weymouth, England, October 18, 1785; died January 23, 1866.

*Oh! Who art thou so fast proceeding,
Ne'er glancing back thine eyes of flame?
Mark'd but by few, through earth I'm speeding,
And Opportunity's my name.
What form is that which scowls beside thee?
Repentance is the form you see;
Learn then, the fate may yet betide thee,
She seizes them who seize not me.*

OCTOBER 19th

JOHN ADAMS

Second president of the United States, born at Braintree, Mass., October 19, 1735; died there, July 4, 1826.

May that Being who is supreme over all, the patron of order, the fountain of justice, and the protector, in all ages of the world, of virtuous liberty, continue his blessings upon this nation and its government, and give it all possible success and duration, consistent with the ends of his providence!

LEIGH HUNT

Poet and essayist, born in London, October 19, 1784; died August 28, 1859.

*About Ben Adhem—may his tribe increase!—
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold,
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said:
"What writest thou?" The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered: "The names of those who love the
Lord."*

*"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerily still: and said, "I pray thee then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had
blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.*

OCTOBER 20th

THOMAS HUGHES

Author, born near Newbury, England, October 20, 1823; died March 22, 1896.

Never try to be popular, but only to do your duty and help others to do theirs.

OCTOBER 21st

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

Poet, born at Ottery, England, October 21, 1772;
died July 23, 1834.

*He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast;
He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things, both great and small;
For the dear Lord who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.*

SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH

Clergyman and author, born in Boston, Mass.,
October 21, 1808; died there, November 16, 1895.

*My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let Freedom ring.*

WILL CARLETON

Author and lecturer, born at Hudson, Mich., Oc-
tober 21, 1845; died at Brooklyn, N. Y., December
18, 1912.

*The way at times may dark and weary seem,
No ray of sunshine on our path may beam,
The dark clouds hover o'er us like a pall,
And gloom and sadness seem to compass all;
But still, with honest purpose, toil we on,
And if our steps be upright, straight and true,
Far in the east a golden light shall dawn,
And the bright smile of God come bursting
through.*

OCTOBER 22nd

JAMES NORTHCOTE

Painter and author, born at Plymouth, England, October 22, 1746; died July 13, 1831.

You are to consider that learning is of great use to society; and though it may not add to the stock, it is a necessary vehicle to transmit it to others. Learned men are the cisterns of knowledge, not the fountain-head.

CARLOS WILCOX

Poet and clergyman, born at Newport, N. H., October 22, 1794; died at Danbury, Conn., May 27, 1827.

*Some high or humble enterprise of good
Contemplate till it shall possess thy mind,
Become thy study, pastime, rest, and food,
And kindle in thy heart a flame refined;
Pray Heaven with firmness thy whole soul to bind
To this thy purpose.*



OCTOBER 23rd

FRANCIS JEFFREY

Essayist and jurist, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, October 23, 1773; died January 26, 1850.

He will always see the most beauty whose affections are warmest and most exercised, whose imagination is the most powerful, and who has the most accustomed himself to attend to the objects by which he is surrounded.

OCTOBER 24th

SARAH J. HALE

Editor and author, born at Newport, N. H., October 24, 1790; died in Philadelphia, April 30, 1879.

There is no impossibility to him who stands prepared to conquer every hazard. The fearful are the failing.



OCTOBER 25th

THOMAS BABINGTON MACAULAY

Essayist, born at Rothley Temple, England, October 25, 1800; died December 28, 1859.

We cannot, in estimating the character of an individual, leave out of our consideration his conduct in the most important of all human relations; and if in that relation we find him to have been selfish, cruel and deceitful, we shall take the liberty to call him a bad man, in spite of all his temperance at the table, and all his regularity at the chapel.

JAMES BEATTIE

Poet and philosopher, born at Laurencekirk, Scotland, October 25, 1735; died August 18, 1803.
*From labor health, from health contentment
spring;*

Contentment opes the source of every joy.



OCTOBER 26th

CHARLES SPRAGUE

Poet and banker, born in Boston, Mass., October 26, 1791; died there, January 22, 1875.

*Far above the clouds of time,
Faith beholds a world sublime—
There, when storms of life are past,
The light beyond shall break at last.*

OCTOBER 27th

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Twenty-fifth president of the United States, born in New York City, October 27, 1858; died at Oyster Bay, N. Y., January 6, 1919.

THE true Christian is the true citizen, lofty of purpose, resolute in endeavor, ready for a hero's deeds, but never looking down on his task because it is cast in the day of small things; scornful of baseness, awake to his own duties as well as to his rights, following the higher law with reverence, and in this world doing all that in his power lies, so that when death comes he may feel that mankind is in some degree better because he lived.

OCTOBER 28th

DESIDERIUS ERASMUS

Philosopher and scholar, born in Rotterdam, Holland, October 28, 1467; died July 12, 1536.

*It is in vain to gather virtues without humility;
for the Spirit of God delighteth to dwell in the
hearts of the humble.*



OCTOBER 29th

JOHN KEATS

Poet, born in London, October 29, 1795; died February 27, 1821.

*A thing of beauty is a joy forever;
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet
breathing.*

OCTOBER 30th

ADELAIDE ANNE PROCTER

Poet, born in London, October 30, 1825; died February 3, 1864.

*Do not crouch today and worship
The old Past, whose life is fled;
Hush your voice to tender reverence:
Crowned he lies, but cold and dead;
For the Present reigns our Monarch,
With an added weight of hours;
Honor her, for she is mighty;
Honor her, for she is ours.*

ROSCOE CONKLING

Statesman, born at Albany, N. Y., October 30, 1829; died in New York City, April 18, 1888.

Property is the product of labor. It must be hewed out of the forest, plowed out of the field, blasted out of the mine, pounded out of the anvil, wrought out in the factory and furnace. Labor is at the bottom of it all; and the nation in which labor is the best cherished and cared for, must be the richest and the most prosperous. Capital and labor are mutual allies.

RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN

Orator and dramatist, born in Dublin, October 30, 1751; died July 7, 1816.

*Believe not each accusing tongue,
As most weak persons do;
But still believe that story wrong
Which ought not to be true.*

OCTOBER 31st

JOHN EVELYN

Author, born at Wotton, England, October 31, 1620; died February 27, 1706.

All is vanity which is not honest, and there is no solid wisdom but in real piety.

JOSEPH R. HAWLEY

Statesman and journalist, born at Stewartsville, N. C., October 31, 1826; died in Washington, D. C., March 17, 1905.

If you believe in anything, say so; work for it, fight for it.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1st

MATTHEW HALE

Jurist, born at Alderley, England, November 1, 1609; died December 25, 1676.

Good words make friends; bad words make enemies. It is great prudence to gain as many friends as we honestly can, especially when it can be done at so easy a rate as a good word; and it is great folly to make an enemy by ill words, which are of no advantage to the party who uses them.

HENRY GILES

Clergyman, born at Crockford, Ireland, November 1, 1809; died near Boston, Mass., July 10, 1882.

Man must work. That is as certain as the sun. But he may work grudgingly or he may work gratefully. There is no work so rude that he may not exalt it; no work so impassive that he may not breathe a soul into it; no work so dull that he may not enliven it.

NOVEMBER 2nd

WARREN G. HARDING

Twenty-ninth president of the United States, born at Corsica, O., November 2, 1865; died in San Francisco, Calif., August 2, 1923.

No nation can prosper, no nation can survive, if it ever forgets Almighty God. If I were to utter a prayer for the Republic, it would be to reconsecrate us in religious devotion and make us abidingly a God-fearing, God-loving people.

JAMES K. POLK

Eleventh president of the United States, born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., November 2, 1795; died at Nashville, Tenn., June 15, 1849.

Tranquility at home and peaceful relations abroad constitute the true permanent policy of our country. War, the scourge of nations, sometimes becomes inevitable, but it is always to be avoided when it can be done consistently with the rights and honor of a nation.

NOVEMBER 3rd

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

Poet, born at Cummington, Mass., November 3, 1794; died in New York City, June 12, 1878.

*So live that, when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent hall of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and
soothed*

*By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.*

JOHN WATSON
(Ian MacLaren)

Clergyman and author, born at Manningtree, England, November 3, 1850; died at Mt. Pleasant, Ia., May 6, 1907.

*What does your anxiety do? It does not empty
tomorrow, brother, of its sorrow; but ah! it
empties today of its strength. It does not make
you escape the evil; it makes you unfit to cope
with it if it comes.*

NOVEMBER 4th

AUGUSTUS M. TOPLADY

Clergyman and hymn-writer, born at Farnham, England, November 4, 1740; died August 11, 1778.

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flow'd,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

JAMES MONTGOMERY

Hymn-writer, born at Irvine, Scotland, November 4, 1771; died April 30, 1854.

*Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed—
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.
Prayer is the burthen of a sigh,
The falling of a tear—
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.*

NOVEMBER 5th

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER

Lawyer and soldier, born at Deerfield, N. H., November 5, 1818; died in Washington, D. C., January 11, 1893.

It is the duty of every man to be loyal to the government, to sustain it, to pardon its errors and help to rectify them, and to do all he can to aid it in carrying the country on in the course of glory and grandeur in which it was started by our fathers.

WASHINGTON ALLSTON

Artist and author, born at Waccamaw, S. C., November 5, 1779; died at Cambridge, Mass., July 9, 1843.

Distinction is the consequence, never the object, of a great mind.



NOVEMBER 6th

JOHN RICHARD JEFFERIES

Naturalist and author, born at Wiltshire, England, November 6, 1848; died August 14, 1887.

Let my soul become enlarged; I am not enough. I desire an irradiance of mind, a deeper insight, a broader hope. Give me the power of soul that I may effect by its will that which I strive for!

COLLEY CIBBER

Actor and dramatist, born in London, November 6, 1671; died December 12, 1757.

A halter made of silk's a halter still.

NOVEMBER 7th

ANDREW DICKSON WHITE

Scholar and diplomat, born at Homer, N. Y., November 7, 1832; died at Ithaca, N. Y., November 4, 1918.

A more distant point of view is not without its uses. Those who cultivate the slopes of some vast mountain know it best; yet those who view it from a distance may sometimes see it brought into new relations and invested with new glories.



NOVEMBER 8th

WILLIAM WIRT

Jurist and author, born at Bladensburg, Md., November 8, 1772; died in Washington, D. C., February 18, 1834.

The man who is perpetually hesitating which of two things he will do first will do neither. The man who resolves, but suffers his resolution to be changed by the first counter-suggestion—who fluctuates from opinion to opinion, from plan to plan, and veers like a weathercock to every point of the compass, with every breath of caprice that blows—can never accomplish anything real or useful.



NOVEMBER 9th

MARK AKENSIDE

English poet and physician, born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, November 9, 1721; died June 23, 1770.

*The man forget not, though in rags he lies;
And know the mortal through a crown's disguise!*

NOVEMBER 10th

OLIVER GOLDSMITH

Author, born at Pallas, Ireland, November 10, 1728; died April 4, 1774.

*Our greatest glory consists not in never falling,
but in rising every time we fall.*

FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER

Poet and dramatist, born at Marbach, Germany, November 10, 1759; died May 9, 1805.

*Have Love! Not alone love for one,
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter, like the circling sun,
Thy charities on all.*

MARTIN LUTHER

Theologian, born at Eisleben, Saxony, November 10, 1483; died February 18, 1546.

*Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.*

JOAQUIN MILLER

Poet, born in Indiana, November 10, 1841; died in San Francisco, Calif., February 17, 1913.

*In men whom men pronounce as ill,
I find so much of goodness still;
In men whom men pronounce divine,
I find so much of sin and blot,
I hesitate to draw the line
Between the two, when God has not.*

HENRY VAN DYKE

Educator, born at Germantown, Pa., November 10, 1852.

*There are two good rules which ought to be
written on every heart: Never believe anything
bad about anybody unless you positively know it
is true; never tell even that, unless you feel
that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is
listening while you tell it.*

NOVEMBER 11th

THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH

Poet and novelist, born at Portsmouth, N. H., November 11, 1836; died in Boston, Mass., March 19, 1907.

*Build as thou wilt, and as thy light is given;
Build as thou wilt, unspoiled by praise or
blame;
Then if at last what thou has built shall fall,
Dissolve and vanish—take thyself no shame.
They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.*

ALFRED DE MUSSET

Dramatist and poet, born in Paris, November 11, 1810; died May 1, 1857.

*Thing of a day! Fret out thy little hour;
Whence thy unceasing plaint, thy bitter cry?
And why in tears consume thy spirit's pow'r?
Immortal is thy soul, thy tears will dry.*

J. OGDEN ARMOUR

Capitalist, born at Milwaukee, Wis., November 11, 1863; resides in Chicago.

*There may be luck in getting a good job—but
there's no luck in keeping it.*

NOVEMBER 12th

JOSEPH HOPKINSON

Statesman and jurist, widely known as author of the song, "Hail Columbia," born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 12, 1770; died there, January 15, 1842.

*Firm united let us be
Rallying round our liberty;
As a band of brothers join'd,
Peace and safety we shall find.*

RAY PALMER

Hymn-writer, born at Little Compton, R. I., November 12, 1808; died at Newark, N. J., March 29, 1887.

*My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray:
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.*

RICHARD BAXTER

English divine and author, born at Rowton, November 12, 1615; died December 8, 1691.

*God takes men's hearty desires and will, instead
of the deed, when they have not power to fulfill
it; but He never took the bare deed instead of
the will.*

NIXON WATERMAN

Author and poet, born at Newark, Ill., November 12, 1859; resides at Canton, Mass.

*No man can feel himself alone
The while he bravely stands
Between the best friends ever known:
His two good, honest hands.*

NOVEMBER 13th

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Novelist and essayist, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, November 13, 1850; died December 3, 1894.

To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little, and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered, to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation; above all, on the same condition, to keep friends with himself: here is a task for all a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

SAINT AUGUSTINE

Most celebrated father of the Latin church, born at Tagaste, Numidia, November 13, 354; died August 28, 430.

We make a ladder for ourselves of our vices, if we trample those same vices underfoot.

JOHN DICKINSON

Patriot and statesman, born at Talbot, Md., November 13, 1732; died at Wilmington, Del., February 14, 1808.

By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

NOVEMBER 14th

BENJAMIN HOADLY

English bishop, born at Westerham, November 14, 1676; died April 17, 1761.

It is vain for you to expect, it is impudent of you to ask of God's forgiveness for yourself if you refuse to exercise this forgiving temper as to others.

STOPFORD A. BROOKE

Clergyman and author, born in Ireland, November 14, 1832; died in 1916.

*A little sun, a little rain,
A soft wind blowing from the West,
And woods and fields are green again
And warmth within the mountain's breast.
A little love, a little trust,
A soft impulse, a sudden dream,
And life as dry as desert dust,
Is fresher than a mountain stream.*

NOVEMBER 15th

RICHARD HENRY DANA, SR.

Poet and essayist, born at Cambridge, Mass., November 15, 1787; died in Boston, February 2, 1879.

Oh, listen, man!

*A voice within us speaks the startling word,
"Man thou shalt never die!" Celestial voices
Hymn it around our souls; according harps,
By angel-fingers touched, when the mild stars
Of morning sang together, sound forth still
The sound of our great immortality.*

JOHANN KASPAR LAVATER

Author and physiognomist, born in Zurich, Switzerland, November 15, 1741; died January 2, 1801.

*Never tell evil of a man if you do not know it
for a certainty, and if you know it for a certainty,
then ask yourself, "Why should I tell it?"*



NOVEMBER 16th

JOHN BRIGHT

One of the greatest of English statesmen and orators, born in Lancashire, November 16, 1811; died March 27, 1889.

*How many there are who can say with me that
the most innocent, the most pure, the most holy
joy which in their past years they have felt, or
in their future years they have hoped for, has
arisen from contact and association with chil-
dren!*

NOVEMBER 17th

AUGUSTUS WILLIAM HARE

English author, born in Rome, November 17, 1792; died in 1834.

Since the generality of persons act from impulse, much more than from principle, men are neither so good nor so bad as we are apt to think them.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP

Banker and capitalist, born at Aurora, Ill., November 17, 1864; resides at Scarborough, N. Y.

Since nothing is ever settled until it is settled right, no matter how unlimited power a man may have, unless he exercises it fairly and justly his actions will return to plague him.

NOVEMBER 18th

EDWARD ROBERT BULWER-LYTTON
(Owen Meredith)

Poet, born in London, November 18, 1831; died November 24, 1891.

Tears are the oldest and the commonest

*Of all things upon earth; and yet how new
The tale each time told by them! how unblessed
Were life's hard way without their heavenly
dew!*

*Joy borrows them from Grief: Faith trembles lest
She lose them: even Hope herself smiles
through*

*The rainbow they make around her as they fall:
And Death, that cannot weep, sets weeping all!*

PIERRE BAYLE

Philosopher, born at Carlat, France, November 18, 1647; died December 28, 1706.

*The furnace of affliction refines us from earthly
drossiness, and softens us for the impression of
God's own stamp.*

WILLIAM S. GILBERT

Librettist and comic poet, born in London, November 18, 1836; died May 29, 1911.

*Things are seldom what they seem,
Skim milk masquerades as cream.*

NOVEMBER 19th

JAMES A. GARFIELD

Twentieth president of the United States, born at Orange, O., November 19, 1831; died at Elberon, N. J., the victim of an assassin, September 19, 1881.

IF WRINKLES must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.

ALBERT B. THORWALDSEN

Sculptor, born in Copenhagen, November 19, 1770; died March 24, 1844.

I must be going down-hill when I find my works equal to my aspiration.

NOVEMBER 20th

THOMAS CHATTERTON

The "Marvelous Youth" of literature, born at Bristol, England, November 20, 1752; died August 25, 1770.

*The gloomy mantle of the night,
Which on my sinking spirit steals,
Will vanish at the morning light,
Which God, my East, my Sun, reveals.*

JOSIAH ROYCE

Philosopher and educator, born at Grass Valley, Calif., November 20, 1855; died at Cambridge, Mass., September 14, 1916.

*My duty is what no one else can do for me,
Another may do my task better than I, but not
my duty.*



NOVEMBER 21st

BRYAN WALLER PROCTER (Barry Cornwall)

Poet and prose writer, born in London, November 21, 1787; died October 4, 1874.

*He that can draw a charm
From rocks, or woods, or weeds, or things that
seem
All mute, and does it—is wise.*

VOLTAIRE

French author, born in Paris, November 21, 1694; died May 30, 1778.

Use, do not abuse; neither abstinence nor excess renders men happy.

NOVEMBER 22nd

MARIAN EVANS

(George Eliot)

English author and poet, born in Warwickshire, November 22, 1819; died December 22, 1880.

*O may I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence: live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like
stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search
To vaster issues.*



NOVEMBER 23rd

FRANKLIN PIERCE

Fourteenth president of the United States, born at Hillsboro, N. H., November 23, 1804; died at Concord, N. H., October 8, 1869.

*Let not the foundation of our hope rest upon
man's wisdom. It must be felt that there is no
national security but in the nation's humble, ac-
knowledged dependence upon God and His over-
ruling providence.*

NOVEMBER 24th

ZACHARY TAYLOR

Twelfth president of the United States, born in Orange County, Va., November 24, 1784; died in Washington, D. C., July 9, 1850.

Let us invoke a continuance of the same Protecting Care which has led us from small beginnings to the eminence we this day occupy; and let us seek to deserve that continuance by prudence and moderation in our councils; by well-directed attempts to assuage the bitterness which so often marks unavoidable differences of opinion; by the promulgation and practice of just and liberal principles; and by enlarged patriotism, which shall acknowledge no limits but those of our own widespread republic.

LAURENCE STERNE

Novelist and humorist, born at Clonmel, England, November 24, 1713; died March 18, 1768.

Every time a man smiles—but much more so when he laughs—it adds something to this fragment of life.

ALPHONSE KARR

French writer, born in Paris, November 24, 1808; died September 29, 1890.

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.

FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

Novelist, born at Manchester, England, November 24, 1849.

It is better than every thing else, that the world should be a little better because a man has lived,—even a little better.

NOVEMBER 25th

ANDREW CARNEGIE

American manufacturer and philanthropist, born at Dunfermline, Scotland, November 25, 1835; died August 11, 1919.

Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community.



NOVEMBER 26th

WILLIAM COWPER

Poet, born in Hertfordshire, England, November 26, 1731; died April 25, 1800.

*One spirit—His,
Who wore the platted thorns with bleeding brows,
Rules universal nature! Not a flower
But shows some touch, in freckle, streak, or stain,
Of his unrival'd pencil. He inspires
Their balmy odors, and imparts their hues,
And bathes their eyes with nectar, and includes,
In grains as countless as the sea-side sands,
The forms with which he sprinkles all the earth.
Happy who walks with Him! whom what he finds
Of flavor or of scent, in fruit or flower,
Or what he views of beautiful or grand
In Nature, from the broad majestic oak
To the green blade that twinkles in the sun,
Prompts with remembrance of a present God.*

NOVEMBER 27th

ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON

Jurist and author, born in New York City, November 27, 1746; died at Chantilly, N. Y., February 26, 1813.

In times of extreme danger, whoever has the courage to seize the helm may command the ship; each mariner, distrusting his own skill, is ready to repose upon that of others.

FRANCES ANNE KEMBLE

Anglo-American actress and author, born in London, November 27, 1809; died January 15, 1893.

*Better trust all, and be deceived,
And weep that trust and that deceiving,
Than doubt one heart, which, if believed,
Had blessed one's life with true believing.*



NOVEMBER 28th

WILLIAM BLAKE

Poet and artist, born in London, November 28, 1757; died August 27, 1827.

*Think not thou canst sigh a sigh
And thy Maker is not by;
Think not thou canst weep a tear
And thy Maker is not near.*

VICTOR COUSIN

French philosopher, born in Paris, November 28, 1792; died January 2, 1867.

Moral beauty comprises two distinct elements, equally but diversely beautiful,—justice and charity, respect and love of men. He who expresses in his conduct justice and charity accomplishes the most beautiful of all works. The good man is, in his way, the greatest of all artists.

NOVEMBER 29th

WENDELL PHILLIPS

Author and orator, born in Boston, Mass., November 29, 1811; died there, February 2, 1884.

I will utter what I believe today, if it should contradict all I said yesterday.

PHILIP SIDNEY

Author, born at Penshurst, England, November 29, 1554; died October 7, 1586.

Who shoots at the mid-day sun, though he be sure that he shall never hit the mark, yet as sure is he that he shall shoot higher than he who aims but at a bush.

AMOS BRONSON ALCOTT

Philosophical writer, father of Louisa May Alcott, born at Wolcott, Conn., November 29, 1799; died in Boston, Mass., March 4, 1888.

Strengthen me by sympathizing with my strength not my weakness.

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Author, born at Germantown, Pa., November 29, 1832; died in Boston, Mass., March 6, 1888.

Make each day useful and cheerful, and prove that you know the worth of time by employing it well. Then youth will be happy, old age without regret, and life a beautiful success.

NOVEMBER 30th

JONATHAN SWIFT

Satirist and author, born in Dublin, November 30, 1667; died October 19, 1745.

A wise man who does not assist with his counsels, a rich man with his charity, and a poor man with his labor, are perfect nuisances in a commonwealth.

SAMUEL L. CLEMENS

(Mark Twain)

Author and humorist, born at Florida, Mo., November 30, 1835; died at Redding, Conn., April 21, 1910.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate; when he can't afford it and when he can.

JOHN BUNYAN

Religious writer and minister, born near Bedford, England, November 30, 1628; died August 31, 1688.

If we have not quiet in our own minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a golden slipper on a gouty foot.

CYRUS W. FIELD

Merchant and scientist, famous as promoter of the first Atlantic cable, born at Stockbridge, Mass., November 30, 1819; died in New York City, July 12, 1892.

If you make an attempt and fail, charge it to profit and loss and try again.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1st

JAMES HOGG

Scottish pastoral poet, born in Ettrick, December 1, 1770; died November 21, 1835.

*The heart, unalter'd in its mood,
That joys alone in doing good,
And follows in the heavenly road,
And steps where once an angel trod,—
The joys within such heart that burn
No loss can quench, nor time o'erturn!*



DECEMBER 2nd

DAVID MASSON

Scottish author and educator, born at Aberdeen, December 2, 1822; died October 6, 1907.

A great part of the education of every child consists of those impressions, visual and other, which the senses of the little being are taking in busily, though unconsciously, amid the scenes of their first exercise; and though all sorts of men are born in all sorts of places,—poets in town, and prosaic men amid fields and woody solitudes,—yet, consistently with this, it is also true that much of the original capital on which all men trade intellectually through life consists of that mass of miscellaneous fact and imagery which they have acquired imperceptibly by the observations of their early years.

DECEMBER 3rd

HENRY ALEXANDER WISE

Jurist and statesman, born at Drummondtown, Va., December 3, 1806; died at Richmond, Va., September 12, 1876.

Take hold, my son, of the toughest knots in life and try to untie them; try to be worthy of man's highest estate; have a high, noble, manly honor. There is but one test of everything, and that is—is it right? If it is not, turn right away from it.

CLEVELAND ABBE

Astronomer and meteorologist, born in New York City, December 3, 1838; died at Chevy Chase, Md., October 28, 1916.

I present to you, Our Globe—the home of Man. Love it as you would your own personal home. Search for its beauties as you would search for the sweet nooks of your own garden. God made it, and gave it to us. He has beautified it. He saw that it was good. Let us by our appreciation of His work show that we are in sympathy with Him.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN

American general, born in Philadelphia, December 3, 1826; died at Orange, N. J., October 29, 1885.

It is not given to our weak intellects to understand the steps of Providence as they occur; we comprehend them only as we look back upon them in the far-distant past.

DECEMBER 4th

THOMAS CARLYLE

Social critic and reformer, born at Ecclefechan, Scotland, December 4, 1795; died February 4, 1881.

It is a much shallower and more ignoble occupation to detect faults than to discover beauties.

JOHN COTTON

Clergyman, born at Derby, England, December 4, 1585; died in Boston, Mass., December 23, 1652.

Go forth, every man that goeth, with a public spirit, looking not to your own welfare only, but to that of others.



DECEMBER 5th

MARTIN VAN BUREN

Eighth president of the United States, born at Kinderhook, N. Y., December 5, 1782; died there, July 24, 1862.

The sober second thought of the people is seldom wrong.

CHRISTINA G. ROSSETTI

Poet, born in London, December 5, 1830; died December 29, 1894.

*The rose saith in the dewy morn,
I am most fair;
Yet all my loveliness is born
Upon a thorn.
The violets whisper from the shade
Which their own leaves have made;
Men scent our fragrance on the air,
Yet take no heed
Of humble lessons we would read.*

DECEMBER 6th

FREDERICK MAX-MULLER

Scholar and scientist, born at Dessau, Germany, December 6, 1823; died October 28, 1900.

There are certain events in the life of every man which fashion and stamp his character; they may seem small and unimportant in themselves, but they are great and important to each of us; they mark that slight bend where the two lines which had been running parallel begin to diverge, never to meet again. We halt for a moment; we look about and wonder, and then choose our further way in life.



DECEMBER 7th

ALLAN CUNNINGHAM

Scottish poet, born at Blackwood, December 7, 1784; died in 1842.

*At times there come, as come there ought,
Grave moments of sedater thought—
When Fortune frowns, nor lends our night
One gleam of her inconstant light;
And Hope, that decks the peasant's bower,
Shines like the rainbow through the shower.*

DECEMBER 8th

HORACE

Poet, born at Venusia, Italy, December 8, 65 B. C.; died November 27, 8 B. C.

*True, conscious honor is to feel no sin;
He's armed without that's innocent within.*

ELIHU BURRITT

"The Learned Blacksmith," born at New Britain, Conn., December 8, 1811; died there, March 7, 1879.

All that I have accomplished, or expect or hope to accomplish, has been, and will be by that plodding, patient, persevering process of accretion which builds the ant-heap, particle by particle, thought by thought, fact by fact. If I was ever actuated by ambition, its highest and warmest aspiration reached no further than the hope to set before the young men of any country an example in employing those invaluable fragments of time called "odd moments."

ROBERT COLLYER

Clergyman, born in England, December 8, 1823; emigrated to United States and followed the trade of blacksmith until 1860; died November 30, 1912.

All great and grand things lie in the heart of our strivings.

JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS

Writer of southern negro folk tales, born at Eatonton, Ga., December 8, 1848; died at Atlanta, Ga., July 3, 1908.

Youk'n hide de fier, but w'at you gwine do wid de smoke?

DECEMBER 9th

JOHN MILTON

Poet, born in London, December 9, 1608; died November 8, 1674.

Add deeds to thy knowledge answerable; add faith,
Add virtue, patience, temperance;
add love,
By name to some called charity,—
the soul
Of all the rest.

DECEMBER 10th

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON

Journalist and poet, born at Newburyport, Mass., December 10, 1805; died in New York City, May 24, 1879.

*High walls and huge the body may confine,
And iron gates obstruct the prisoner's gaze,
And massive bolts may baffle his design,
And vigilant keepers watch his devious ways;
Yet scorns th' immortal mind this base control!
No chains can bind it, and no cell inclose:
Swifter than light, it flies from pole to pole,
And, in a flash, from earth to heaven it goes!*

GEORGE MACDONALD

Poet and novelist, born at Huntly, Scotland, December 10, 1824; died September 17, 1905.

*Be noble—that is more than wealth;
Do right—that's more than place;
Then in the spirit there is health,
And gladness in the face;
Then thou art with thyself at one,
And, no man hating, fearest none.*

DECEMBER 11th

DAVID BREWSTER

Physicist and inventor, born at Jedburgh, Scotland, December 11, 1781; died February 10, 1868.

Interesting as has been the past history of our race, engrossing as must ever be the present, the future, more exciting still, mingles itself with every thought and sentiment, and casts its beams of hope, or its shadows of pain, over the stage both of active and contemplative life.

T. COLEMAN DU PONT

Manufacturer, born at Louisville, Ky., December 11, 1863; resides in New York City.

I don't give a snap for money except that you cannot get on without it—you cannot do little things for your friends, to say nothing of big constructive jobs, without capital.

DECEMBER 12th

JOHN JAY

Statesman and jurist, born in New York City, December 12, 1745; died at Bedford, N. Y., May 17, 1829.

Let universal charity, public spirit, and private virtue be inculcated, encouraged and practiced. And when you have done the best you can, then rely upon the good Providence of Almighty God for success, in full confidence that without his blessing your efforts will inevitably fail.

GERALD GRIFFIN

Poet and author, born in Limerick, December 12, 1803; died June 12, 1840.

*Life will be sweet
If its highest enjoyment should be
A smile and kind word when we meet
And a place in memory.*

ERASMUS DARWIN

Naturalist and poet, grandfather of Charles R. Darwin, born at Elton, England, December 12, 1731; died April 18, 1802.

*No radiant pearl which crested fortune wears,
No gem that twinkling hangs from beauty's ears,
Not the bright stars which night's blue arch
adorns,
Nor rising sun that gilds the vernal morn,
Shine with such lustre as the tear that flows
Down virtue's manly cheek for others' woes.*

DECEMBER 13th

HEINRICH HEINIE

Lyric poet and critic, of Hebrew descent, born at Dusseldorf, Prussia, December 13, 1797; died February 17, 1856.

The arrow belongs not to the archer when it has once left the bow; the word no longer belongs to the speaker when it has once passed his lips.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

Clergyman and orator, born in Boston, Mass., December 13, 1835; died there, January 23, 1893.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.

DEAN STANLEY

Historian and theological writer, born at Alderley, England, December 13, 1815; died July 18, 1881.

You never get to the end of Christ's words. There is something in them always behind. They pass into proverbs, they pass into laws, they pass into doctrines, they pass into consolations; but they never pass away, and after all the use that is made of them, they are still not exhausted.

WILLIAM DRUMMOND

Poet, born in Scotland, December 13, 1585; died December 4, 1649.

*Thrice happy he, who by some shady grove,
Far from the clamorous world, doth live his
own;*

*Though solitary, who is not alone,
But doth converse with that eternal love.*

DECEMBER 14th

NOAH PORTER

Author and educator, born at Farmington, Conn., December 14, 1811; died at New Haven, Conn., March 4, 1892.

No man can read with profit that which he cannot learn to read with pleasure.

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

Religious writer and poet, born at Astley, England, December 14, 1836; died June 3, 1879.

*Leave behind thy faithless sorrow,
And thine every anxious care:
He who only knows the morrow
Can for thee its burden bear.*



DECEMBER 15th

JOHN FLETCHER

Playwright and poet associated with Francis Beaumont, born at Rye, England, December 15, 1579; died in 1625.

*Man is his own star; and the soul that can
Render an honest and an upright man,
Commands all light, all influence, all fate;
Nothing to him falls early or too late.
Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still.*

DECEMBER 16th

BEETHOVEN

Musical composer, born at Bonn, Germany, December 16, 1770; died March 26, 1827.

The barriers are not yet erected which shall say to aspiring talent, "Thus far and no farther."

JOHN SELDEN

Jurist and author, born in Sussex, England, December 16, 1584; died November 30, 1654.

Ignorance of the law excuses no man.

JANE AUSTEN

Novelist, born at Steventon, England, December 16, 1775; died July 18, 1817.

Where an opinion is general, it is usually correct.

DECEMBER 17th

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

Poet, born at Haverhill, Mass., December 17, 1807; died at Hampton Falls, N. H., September 17, 1892.

*We shape, ourselves, the joy or fear
Of which the coming life is made,
And fill our future atmosphere
With sunshine or with shade.*

◆————◆

HUMPHREY DAVY

Chemist, born at Penzance, England, December 17, 1778; died May 29, 1829.

*Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties,
but of little things, in which smiles and kindness
and small obligations, given habitually, are what
win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.*

THOMAS STARR KING

Essayist, born in New York City, December 17, 1824; died in San Francisco, Calif., March 4, 1863.

*Nature seems to have been created to inspire
feeling.*

DECEMBER 18th

CHARLES WESLEY

Clergyman and hymn-writer, born at Epworth, England, December 18, 1708; died March 29, 1788.

*Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly;
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.*

LYMAN ABBOTT

Author and journalist, born at Roxbury, Mass., December 18, 1835; died in New York City, October 22, 1922.

The prize in every attainment is a call to an attainment still higher. He who is mastered by a passion for righteousness has in himself the spring of perpetual youth.

DECEMBER 19th

HORATIUS BONAR

Clergyman and hymn-writer, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, December 19, 1808; died July 31, 1889.

*In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty lies unseen;
To make the music and the beauty needs
The master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.
Great Master, touch us with thy skilful hand,
Let not the music that is in us die;
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us die.*

HENRY C. FRICK

Manufacturer and financier, born at West Overton, Pa., December 19, 1849; died December 2, 1919.

There is no secret about success. Success simply calls for hard work, devotion to your duty, courage, tenacity and deliberation.



DECEMBER 20th

LOUIS DESNOYERS

Artist and engraver, born in Paris, December 20, 1779; died in 1857.

The presence of a young girl is like the presence of a flower; the one gives its perfume to all that approach it, the other her grace to all that surrounds her.

DECEMBER 21st

BENJAMIN DISRAELI

Statesman, born in London, December 21, 1804; died April 19, 1881.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.

JEAN BAPTISTE RACINE

French dramatist, born at La Ferte-Milon, December 21, 1639; died April 26, 1699.

Let us do what honor demands.



DECEMBER 22nd

THOMAS W. HIGGINSON

Author, born at Cambridge, Mass., December 22, 1823; died there, May 9, 1911.

There is certainly no defense against adverse fortune which is, on the whole, so effectual as an habitual sense of good humor.



DECEMBER 23rd

SAMUEL SMILES

Scottish writer, physician and railroad man, born at Haddington, December 23, 1812; died April 16, 1904.

We learn wisdom from failure more than from success. We often discover what WILL do by finding out what WILL NOT do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery.

DECEMBER 24th

MATTHEW ARNOLD

Critic and poet, born at Laleham, England, December 24, 1822; died April 15, 1888.

*Conquer hate
With love; and let light cares of life go by
Careless, because it is a show, which cheats;
Earthly treasures fade; he is rich
Who lays up riches in the realm beyond,
Of deeds well done, and of each service wrought,
And days without injuriousness.*

GEORGE CRABBE

Poet, born at Aldeburgh, England, December 24, 1754; died February 3, 1832.

*When all the fiercer passions cease,
The glory and disgrace of youth,
When the deluded soul in peace
Can listen to the voice of truth;
When we are taught in whom to trust,
And how to spare, to spend, to give,
Our prudence kind, our pity just,
'Tis then we rightly learn to live.*

DECEMBER 25th

JESUS CHRIST

MY PEACE I leave with
you. My peace I give
unto you. Not as the world
giveth, give I unto you. Let
not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

ISAAC NEWTON

Greatest of the world's physicists, born at Woolsthorpe, England, December 25, 1642; died March 20, 1727.

I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

WILLIAM COLLINS

English poet, born at Chichester, December 25, 1721; died June 12, 1759.

*How sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallowed mold,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod,
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.*

DECEMBER 26th

THOMAS GRAY

Poet, born in London, December 26, 1716; died July 30, 1771.

*Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear:
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.*



DECEMBER 27th

GEORGE WHITEFIELD

Pulpit orator, born at Gloucester, England, December 27, 1714; died at Newburyport, Mass., September 30, 1770.

*Too many, through want of prudence, are
golden apprentices, silver journeymen and copper
masters.*



DECEMBER 28th

WOODROW WILSON

Twenty-eighth president of the United States, born at Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856.

*Don't forget the road that you have trod, but,
remembering it and looking back for reassurance,
look forward with confidence, and charity to your
fellow men.*

DECEMBER 29th

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE

Statesman, financier and orator, born in Liverpool, England, December 29, 1809; died May 19, 1898.

Thrift of time will repay you in after life with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams, and waste of it will make you dwindle, alike in intellectual and moral stature, beyond your darkest reckonings.

ANDREW JOHNSON

Seventeenth president of the United States, born at Raleigh, N. C., December 29, 1808; died in Charter County, Tenn., July 31, 1875.

A manly people will not neglect the training necessary to resist aggression, but they should be jealous lest the civil be made subordinate to the military element.

JOHN J. INGALLS

Statesman and journalist, born at Middleton, Mass., December 29, 1833; died at Las Vegas, N. M., August 16, 1900.

The real difference in men is not in want of opportunity, but in want of capacity to discern opportunity, and power to take advantage of opportunity.

DECEMBER 30th

WILLIAM R. ALGER

Clergyman and author, born at Freetown, Mass.,
December 30, 1822; died February 7, 1905.

*Who has good deeds brought well to end,
For him the gloomy forests shine;
The whole world is to him a friend,
And all the earth a diamond-mine.*

RUDYARD KIPLING

Author and poet, born in Bombay, India, Decem-
ber 30, 1865; resides in Sussex, England.

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!*

DECEMBER 31st

ALEXANDER SMITH

Scottish poet and prose writer, born at Kilmarnock, December 31, 1830; died January 5, 1867.

A man can bear the world's contempt, when he has that within him which says he's worthy.

JAMES T. FIELDS

Publisher and author, born at Portsmouth, N. H., December 31, 1817; died in Boston, Mass., April 24, 1881.

*How sweet and gracious, even in common speech,
Is that fine sense which men call Courtesy!
Wholesome as air and genial as the light,
Welcome in every clime as breath of flowers,
It transmutes aliens into traveling friends,
And gives its owner passport round the globe.*

Persons mutilating, or writing upon,
books, magazines, furniture or walls will
be prosecuted to the extent of the law

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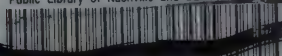
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